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Solar park plans for World Heritage area

by Harry Walton

A MAJOR 46-acre solar park is being planned for the tiny village of Buckland Ripers just outside Weymouth.

Wessex Solar Energy said it is putting in a planning application to West District Dorset council this month for the site off Nottington Lane.

Director Ron Owen said there would then be public consultation with residents and local councils and, if all goes well and their application is approved, construction could start in August.

This would employ about 50 people with a small number of occasional maintenance jobs also being created once the park is operational.

Mr Owen said they were currently talking to experts about the type of panels best suited to the proposed park's location.

He added that if they were advised to use crystalline panels then the park might need 25,000 and if they were advised to use thin film panels then 75,000 might be needed.

Mr Owen said: "We are aiming to produce 5 megawatts of power and we will use as much of the site as is needed to meet that level."

He added that the site would be surrounded by a security fence with a strip round the outside to allow tractor access.

Sheep would be used to graze around and under the solar panels to keep vegetation down inside the fence with the lower edge of the panels being at least

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THEATRE lover Jodie Glover, 17, will this week be setting off to London to chase her West End dreams.

Having begun performing in Bridport at the age of 10, Jodie has had principal roles with Bridport Musical Theatre Company (BMTC), Marvellous Amateur Dramatics (MAD) and Encore Theatre Club as well as many others.

Most recently she played the lead role of Peggy Sawyer in BMTC's production of 42nd Street at the Bridport Arts Centre.

This year she will be auditioning for stage schools in London, with her first appointment this week at the famous Italia Conti Academy.

Back home in Bridport Jodie is lead choreographer in her school's entry for Rock Challenge, an international dance competition promoting moral lifestyles for teenagers.

Jodie's next theatre role in Bridport will be as Angie in the Madness musical "Our House". The show is the latest production from MAD who will be performing in Bridport for the first time. The show will run from March 31st to April 2nd at the Electric Palace.

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HOW did you first become involved with theatre?
When I was about 10 I joined a theatre school and went every Saturday. I loved it, but it cost a lot so I had to be pulled out. So I joined Bridport Operatic Workshop and have been performing in community shows since.

WHAT has been your favourite role?
It's a tie between Scaramouche in We Will Rock You, Helena in A Midsummer Night's Dream and Peggy Sawyer in 42nd as they're all so different.

DO you have any memories of embarrassing moments on stage?
I remember in a primary school play I was the Rooster in Rooster Rag, I had to run across the stage at one point and the stage pallets separated. As I fell through the gap the set fell down on top of me. I just pulled myself up and carried on running.

ARE you like your character in Our House?
I would say she's a louder version of me. I think we have the same sense of humour but I wouldn't have the guts to say the stuff she says out loud.

WHAT are your favourite songs in the show?
I really like the full cast numbers such as Baggy trousers,

Our house and Tomorrow's just another day. My two favourites however are; Wings of a Dove as I love the Caribbean theme and the fact it's set in Las Vegas and Driving in my car as it is a really comical number.

IF your not a fan of Madness would you still enjoy the show?
I definitely think so. The storyline is different to every other type of musical and the lead character has such a technically hard part to play, including 27 costume changes, it's definitely worth watching.

DO you prefer the modern musicals or the old favourites?
It's a real mix. I grew up watching all the old films, my favourites were Calamity Jane and Summer Holiday. But now I really enjoy discovering new musicals. Musicals I really like at the moment are Rent and Wicked.

WHAT would be your dream West End role?
I would love to play Scaramouche again but this time in London instead of school. However, my ultimate target is to play Christine Daae in Phantom of the Opera.

WHAT is rock challenge?
Rock challenge is a global dance comepetition. It's aim is to promote healthy living and a natural high without the aid of smoking, drugs or alcohol. Each year thousands of schools worldwide compete with a eight minute themed dance that sends out a message to all those who watch it. Our regional heat is at Southampton Guildhall on February 28th.
Our theme for this year's Rock Challenge is about generation stereotypes. We believe that generations don't respect and listen to each other anymore, so our dance shows a group of unwilling school children listening to the story of a Blitz survivor.

WHAT was the last book you read, film you watched and CD you listened to?
Remember Me? By Sophie Kinsella, Carousel and the Rent Soundtrack.

WHO would be your three dream guests at a dinner party and why?
Idina Menzel a broadway, TV and film star and also my idol, Audrey Hepburn as she's an absolute icon and Regina Spektor, my favourite singer.

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Supermarket added to New Look plans

A NEW Sainsbury's supermarket is at the heart of a fresh planning application by fashion chain New Look for its Mercery Road site in Weymouth.

The company said that Sainsbury's decision to open a supermarket with them formed "a key element" of proposals.

The plans, which will create more than 1,000 jobs, also include new offices for New Look staff, a hotel, family restaurant, and additional office and employment space.

New Look consulted with the public on its plans last summer and amendments to the final scheme are based on the feedback they received.

New Look chief financial officer Alastair Miller said: "This marks a key milestone in the redevelopment of the site and we are optimistic for a positive outcome based on the precedent already set by our existing planning consent on the site.

"The plans received substantial levels of support from both members of the public and New Look employees with 82 per cent of people saying the plans were either good or very good.

"Feedback has demonstrated that enthusiasm does exist amongst the local population, not only for the creation of employment space and new jobs but also for the inclusion of a Sainsbury's which will increase shopping choice in Weymouth."

The new plans include additional landscaping and planting to improve the look and feel of the development and also to enhance the boundary screening to benefit local residents.

Building layout has also been altered to include one less office block, opening up the centre of the site and improving the public space.

As well as improved access for cyclists and pedestrians, the new proposals also include two additional units situated on the previously designated "available site".

Mr Miller said: "The exact use of this area is undetermined and could include a variety of uses as discussed with various organisations during the consultation process, although this will be subject to further detailed planning."

New Look previously gained permission to redevelop the site in 2007, but due to a change in the economic environment the plans became commercially unviable.

The company said it had, therefore, developed new plans which include the key additional element of a supermarket.

If Weymouth and Portland planners back the scheme then work on the site could start later this year.

Budget approved in 'difficult times'

A WEYMOUTH and Portland net 2011-2012 budget of £10.5 million has been backed by councillors.

Finance spokesman Councillor Peter Chapman told a meeting of Weymouth and Portland's management committee that a lot of effort and savings had gone in to producing the proposed council budget.

He added that being able to offer residents no increase in council tax for 2011-2012 had been "a remarkable achievement".

But he said that these were difficult times and the authority faced a reduction in the amount of money it received from the Government.

Because of this it needed to look at everything it could to "work up income and draw people in to town".

Residents worried by solar park proposals

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of the panels being at least a metre off the ground to prevent gamboling lambs jumping up and damaging them!

Mr Owen said that peak construction effort would involve no more than about two heavy goods vehicle deliveries per hour while vehicle visits once the site is operational would be barely one every three months.

The project would also construct small buildings for electrical equipment no higher than four metres with the electricity exported via new cable to be installed by local network operator Western Power Distribution.

Environmental studies - including any park impact on the landscape - are being carried out and these will accompany Wessex's planning application.

Mr Owen again stressed Wessex's plans for consultation with the public and local councils, a key worry for pensioner David Rolfe who lives in the village with his wife, Meg.

He said: "Our major concern is that we have never heard anything about solar park proposals for this area or anywhere nearby before.

"In blunt terms they are proposing to cover a 46-acre site with solar panels up to 10 feet high which is an appalling prospect.

"It doesn't just stop there either because the project also includes buildings, CCTV cameras on poles and a security fence, hardly things which will fit in to a rural scene.

"All this could end up being built just a few hundred yards from our home in a World Heritage area which is also stunningly beautiful.

"What we want is for the company to come clean and meet with residents so everybody really knows what they are facing and whether any more farms are planned."

Village residents expressed their concerns over the solar panel park during a Chickerell Town Council meeting at which it was revealed that the town council had been sent a lengthy consultation document on plans for the park by West Dorset District Council.

Chickerell Town Mayor Jean Dunseith said WDDC wanted comments on the solar park proposal.

She told the *View*: "We have asked for more information because this is the first time we have ever had an application like this."

Councillors expressed concerns that no mention was made of the size or shape of the panels or how many would be on site.

They were also concerned that such panels could be seen from prominent viewpoints such as Hardy's Monument, creating an impact on the Heritage coast and an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. That and residents' concerns were uppermost in their minds, said the mayor.

Members agreed that a public consultation-exhibition should be considered.

West Dorset district council development services manager John Greenslade said: "Although we haven't received an application so far, we have been approached by Wessex Solar Energy regarding the environmental information we would wish to receive as part of any planning application and they are working towards providing this as part of their planning application which we anticipate receiving this month.

"We will publicise the planning application when we receive it by consulting the parish council, putting up a site notice and including details in the list of published planning applications. We will also write to nearby residents in Buckland Ripers to inform them about the application.

"We will have 16 weeks within which to consider and decide the planning application which will be considered in the context of the planning policies of the Structure Plan and Local Plan for West Dorset and the comments received following our consultation process."

■ **WORRIED: Pensioner David Rolfe in front of land for some of the proposed solar park at Buckland Ripers**

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A NEW drive to improve openness and transparency across the public sector means Dorset County Council will now be publishing details of all spending above £500.

The details will now be available for anyone to see, being published on the council's website.

The council has put spending above £500 for December 2010 online, and will continue to update its website every month. The list includes items like transport, IT, building and construction costs.

The aim is to encourage more public scrutiny of council spending.

Dorset County Council's cabinet member for Corporate Resources, Spencer Flower said: "Dorset has a strong track record of good financial management and delivering efficient, value for money services.

"We are committed to being as open and transparent as possible on how we are spending taxpayers' money. We are always looking at ways to do things smarter and better to provide value for money for our residents and shining a spotlight on our spending is part of doing just that.

"Anyone who is spending the public's money should be able to account for it – so we are pleased to be able to make this information available online.

"The council has always published our accounts but this will make it easier for people to see invoices we pay out which are more than £500."

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Think before you throw

DOES your lampshade no longer match your furniture? Do you have a suit which no longer fits or toys your children don't play with?

Dorset Councils are calling for residents to reuse their unwanted cast-offs by giving them to friends, relatives, charity shops or local furniture reuse organisations instead of throwing them away.

A new campaign promoting the benefits of donating not dumping unwanted yet good quality items launches today.

A series of 'choose to reuse' roadshows are taking place across the county encouraging people to consider how things they may view as rubbish could be put to better use by others.

Robert Gould, Dorset County Council's cabinet member for environment, said: "We're encouraging local people to think about the many ways their unwanted items can be used again, either by themselves or by someone else in the community.

"Finding a new home or use for things requires minimal effort and makes a real difference to the environment.

"It's all about preventing good condition items from needlessly ending up in landfill sites. It costs the Dorset taxpayer a considerable amount of money for every tonne of waste landfilled when it's free to donate to charity shops or furniture reuse centres.

"By raising awareness of the fantastic work these organisations do we hope people will choose to reuse when they're next having a clear out.

"Not only will they be supporting the local community and economy, they'll also be helping to raise money for great causes while reducing their carbon footprint as well."

Recycling officers will be on hand to talk to people about reuse at home and in the local community. Roadshow visitors will also be invited to take part in a short quiz designed to highlight different ways to give items a second lease of life.

Residents can start today with these three top reuse tips:

1 - Give unwanted items away: Pass items you no longer want to friends, relatives, charity shops or furniture reuse centres, or take them to a Give or Take Day - see www.dorsetforyou.com/recyclingevents

You could also join free reuse networks such as Freecycle, where you can advertise things you no longer want and people contact you if they want them.

2 - Get creative: Make them into something else that would be useful. Look through our reuse directory for lots of ideas –www.dorsetforyou.com/reusedirectory

3 - Ditch disposables: Consider buying long lasting products rather than disposables (e.g. washable nappies, rechargeable batteries).

■ Roadshows will be taking place at the following venues:

- February 9th - South Street, Dorchester, 10am to 2pm
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■ PROUD: Raymond Morris with his stepfather's medal

Coastguard's heroism to be remembered forever

by Harry Walton

BRAVERY which cost a Weymouth coastguard his life is to be remembered forever after the rare medal awarded for his actions was donated to a museum.

Robert Treadwell, 35, from Wyke Regis coastguard station was posthumously awarded the Silver Sea Gallantry Medal after he and Commander John Legh both died trying to rescue the crew of a navy landing craft wrecked on Chesil Beach in October 1944.

Mr Treadwell's stepson, Raymond Morris, is now 81 and lives in Plymouth, but he still remembers that terrible night.

He said: "The call out came on Friday 13th and it was still daylight.

"When I got home from school I discovered that Robert had gone out with Mr Legh to where a landing craft was standing off Chesil Beach in a gathering storm.

"As far as we were concerned it was just another rescue that Robert and his colleagues had been called out to and my two brothers and I went to bed as normal.

"Because it was wartime we were used to all sorts of other emergencies such as air raids, so this rescue was not an exceptional event.

"During the night I woke up and heard anguished sobbing coming from the living room but I didn't investigate. In morning, of course, I found out what had happened.

"It had probably been my mother's scream on hearing news during the night that had wakened me."

A report of the rescue and medal award appeared in the London Gazette of the time which spoke of "raging seas" and the efforts of the two coastguards who "displayed the utmost courage and disregard of personal safety throughout".

Only seven such medals were awarded between 1937-1947 and Mr Morris said: "The event was recognised as the bravest civilian rescue incident of 1944 and I am proud of him and of keeping his memory alive."

Nine of the 13 people on board the landing craft also died including the commanding officer.

Mr Treadwell's body was later recovered at Chesil Cove and he was buried at Portland's Royal Naval cemetery.

■ HEROIC COASTGUARD: Robert Treadwell from Wyke Regis and the The Silver Sea Gallantry Medal which was awarded to him posthumously

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Make a nest box

WEYMOUTH Wetlands is offering people a chance to build their own nest boxes for their garden love birds ahead of St Valentine's Day.

RSPB staff say everyone is welcome at the event on Sunday, February 13th, from 10am-2pm at the Radipole Lake visitor centre in Weymouth's Swannery car park.

Weymouth Wetlands information officer Luke Phillips said February is just the right time to put up nest boxes.

"A well-made and well-placed nest box can often be the best option and can even mean the difference between life and death for young birds," he said.

"There's a small charge for each box made at our event but we'll provide all the materials and show people how to put their own 'des res' together. We'll also be giving advice on the best place to site a box and how to look after it.

Booking is essential and those interested should call in at the visitor centre or phone them on 01305 778313.

Buxton celebration

AN inaugural general meeting is being held for the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society to celebrate the life work of the famous man.

Thomas Buxton was the local MP from 1818-1837 and it was he who instigated the abolition of slavery by driving through the essential legislation in the face of fierce opposition.

In 1807 Willberforce brought about the end of the slave trade, but it was Buxton in 1833 who achieved the abolition of slavery itself throughout the British Empire.

The society's first meeting will be on Wednesday, February 16th at St Augustine's Church Hall at Lodmoor Hill.

Equality of opportunity and the celebration of diversity lie at the heart of the Olympic ethos and these values were those of Thomas Fowell Buxton.

Stone masonry students at Weymouth College are currently preparing designs for a memorial they will construct to Buxton and that will be installed prominently within the borough.

Record number of objections but licence is granted

A FARM on the outskirts of Weymouth has been granted a licence to sell alcohol despite more than 100 objections to its application.

Peter Broatch had applied to sell alcohol from a shop at Northdown Farm, Preston, which would serve a temporary campsite with up to 500 tents.

He also applied to play recorded background music from catering outlets, but both ideas horrified nearby residents who submitted a record number of objections – 113 in all — to Weymouth and Portland licensing committee.

Premises would be located on fields using temporary buildings to house the shop and catering facilities with some nearby seating for customers to eat and drink including a marquee for a four-week summer operation.

Mr Broatch added that he felt the sale of alcohol would help keep people on site. No bar was planned, he said, although he didn't rule one out if it got "very busy".

Dorset Police divisional licensing officer Karen O'Donnell said they did have concerns about people's physical safety in an emergency because of the "unsuitable nature" of the access track.

Chief Inspector Nick Maton objected "purely on the grounds of public safety" with his main concern being emergency vehicle access from White Horse Hill particularly in 2012 during Olympics year.

Former South Dorset MP Ian Bruce delivered a statement from his wife, Councillor Hazel Bruce, who could not take her role as committee chairman because she lives near the application area.

He said the proposal threatened "a year-round problem", was outside the development boundary and would deny Sutton Poyntz residents' right to peace and quiet.

Anthony Bugler was applauded when he said Sutton Poyntz was "a jewel in Weymouth's crown" yet the lovely village was "in peril and part of Dorset's heritage is at risk".

Commander Peter Tambling said "noise is something the village does not want" while Peter Jones warned about "potential extensive damage to a fragile environment".

Nearby farmer Peter Critchell strongly objected because of "the very real risk to my livestock" while David Rees said site access was "dangerously defective" and John Crisp said it would be "visual degradation" of the area.

Councillor David Mannings represents Preston containing the site and said he was "very concerned" at access, that residents had given their views and that "we pride ourselves on consulting the public".

Summing up, Mr Broatch promised various measures including improved access for emergency vehicles.

Chairman Councillor Robbie Dunster said the committee granted the premises licence but with conditions including alcohol sales only from 8am-11pm on 30 days a year, no recorded music, alcohol proof of age requirements, twice daily litter patrols, staff training and complaints procedures. Objectors had a right of magistrates court appeal within 21 days, he said.

Mr Broatch said after the meeting: "We are very pleased. We take on board what the community said and we will approach those issues by talking to people."

'Lollipop staff save lives'

CAMPAIGNER: Helen Toft

DON'T put children's lives at risk just to save a few pounds.

That was the message from campaigners battling to save lollipop crossing staff jobs across Dorset ahead of a crucial county council budget meeting on February 17th.

Concerned Weymouth mother Helen Toft has led the campaign and said she hoped councillors would listen to reason.

She added: "I hope that a petition with nearly 10,000 signatures carries some weight when the issue of making savings is debated.

"Lollipop staff save lives. It is as simple as that. Take them away and children will die.

"I know we are fighting alongside libraries to try and secure funding, but a child doesn't risk losing its life if a library closes whereas they will very much be at risk if lollipop men and women and scrapped for the sake of a budget saving."

Mrs Toft added that she agreed the whole lollipop service needed to be checked over to weed out any unnecessary patrols.

But she said: "I won't be happy until the county council admits that losing lollipop staff is a cut too far."

She added that what started out as a local campaign had now received national media coverage.

Mrs Toft said: "We really are in the national spotlight and the county council will ignore our petition at its peril.

"I think people are waiting to see what happens on February 17th and there could be a huge backlash if it goes against us because people feel really strongly about children's safety."

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On song from Margaret's birthday

by Harry Walton

A CHOIR is singing Margaret Dick's praises after she vetoed presents for her 70th birthday and asked for donations for the songsters instead.

Margaret joined the One Voice Choir just over a year ago.

She said: "I wanted to sing all my life but never got around to it and I love it.

"When I joined One Voice there were only about 18 of us and now we are expanding and have about 25.

"Then it was mentioned that we needed to do some fundraising to help towards the cost of the Lithuanian Youth Orchestra which will be performing in Weymouth from April 11-19th.

"I thought it would be a great idea for my forthcoming 70th birthday to ask for donations to help the choir in lieu of presents."

So Margaret went ahead with her idea and held a ceilidh party at Preston Village Hall near Weymouth where a raffle was also held with many prizes donated by friends.

Money raised will help with funding of the Lithuanian Youth Orchestra which will be visiting Weymouth and performing with children from different school choirs in Weymouth under the musical direction of Grazina Ellis.

Margaret said she really enjoyed her party and added: "It was an international night with Grazina Ellis our musical director from Lithuania, a French member of the choir, a friend of a friend from Siberia and other Russian nationals.

"Several local members from the Weymouth area sang from the One Voice repertoire, Pam Dentith a folk singer also sang accompanying herself on the guitar along with many Scottish dancers and friends from all walks of life and my mother who is 91."

■ **BIRTHDAY GIRL: Margaret Dick (centre with balloon) enjoys her special party**

■ **GENEROUS: Margaret presents the cheque for the One Voice Choir to Grazina and John Ellis**

Solar energy seminars

WEYMOUTH Energy Advice Centre is holding a series of seminars.

They will highlight a Government announced system of Feed-inTariffs which aims to encourage small-scale, low-carbon electricity generation, particularly by organisations, businesses, communities and individuals who are not traditionally engaged in the electricity market.

Such generators receive a significant tax-free, index-linked payment on their capital for up to 25 years, a reduction on electricity purchased and an increase in the value of their home or business property.

WEAC founder John Tomblin said: "Now is a good time for people to invest in generating solar power to make and save money.

"Two local residents will explain solar systems and talk about the systems already generating at their own homes."

All seminars start at 7.30pm and cost £1 per person towards venue hire.

Seminars will be held on February 23rd at St Andrew's Church Rooms in Church Road, Preston, on March 2nd at St Ann's Church Schoolroom off Radipole Lane, Weymouth, and on April 18th at St Nicholas Church, Buxton Road, Rodwell, Weymouth.

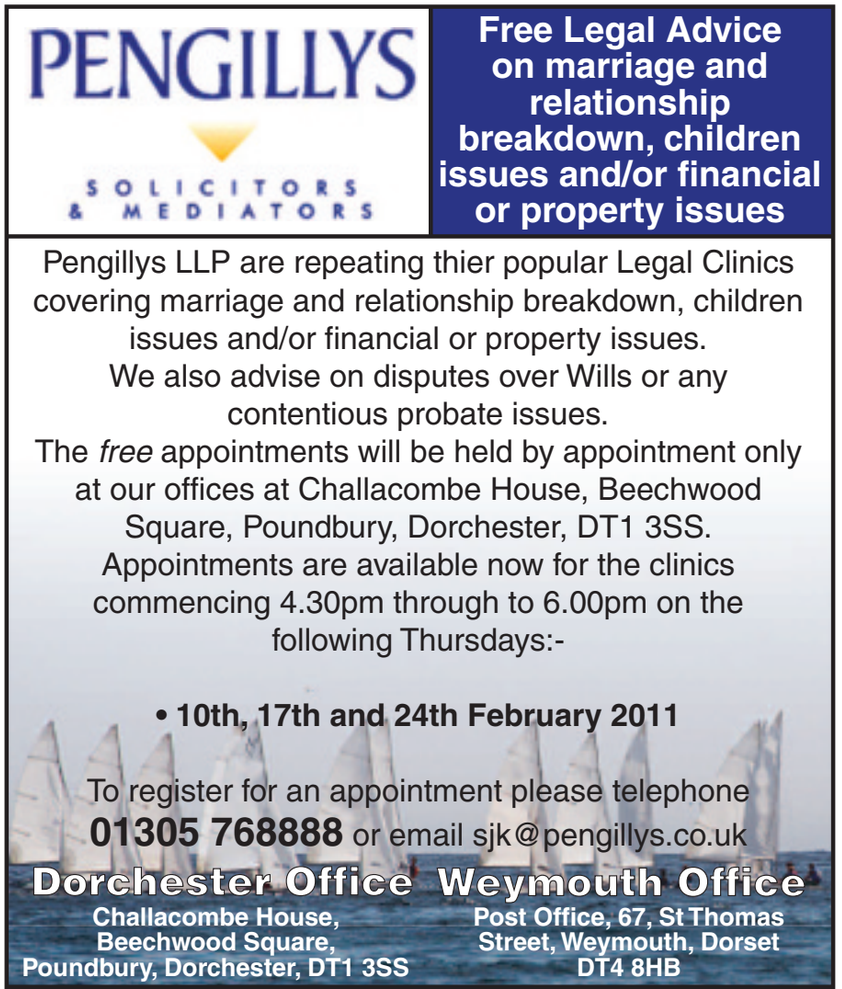
Lowdown on rock 'n' roll

BASS guitarist , teacher, journalist and Dorset live music scene stalwart Chris Lonergan is In Conversation for Friends of Weymouth Library on Wednesday, February 16th at Weymouth Library at 7.30 pm.

Chris is expected to spill the beans on behind the scenes aspects of live music played locally and answer the age old question – Is it Wine, Women and Song or more latterly Sex and Drugs and Rock 'n Roll?

Chris will also be quizzed about his life and love in music, why he 'emigrated' from London in the 70s, how he sees work then and now and the famous bands he's been putting down the bass line for.

Tickets cost £3 from Weymouth Library or call 07831 587 560 or 01305 750557.



The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleaven

Only a prayer away

IT TOOK me a long time to become used to people holding telephone conversations in the street. But nowadays it has become commonplace. In effect, one is never out of touch with business or friends.

Mostly, conversations are between people who know one another rather than with strangers. Two-way transmission involves listening as well as speaking. It is also very private between the individuals concerned.

A scripture which has intrigued me for years is the one that says we should "pray continually" (*1Thessalonians 5:17*). In other words, be in constant communication with the Almighty. The general context suggests a constant walk in fellowship with our Lord.

Perhaps the concept of a mobile telephone is a good illustration of prayer. When we have real Christian faith, contact is readily available wherever we happen to be. Remember, God is only a prayer away,

Personally, I rarely use a mobile phone. I have always regarded mine as being for emergency or rare use and some think of prayer in a similar way. But if we only pray when we are in dire straights it seems unreasonable that we should expect God to listen. If I never use my phone, I eventually get cut off!

GOT NEWS? Please call Harry Walton on 01305 787843 or email hdswlton@yahoo.co.uk

Knitters unite to create a woollen garden

by Harry Walton

ICE-CREAMS, sausages, a hedgehog and a chicken had people in stitches at Southill Community Centre in Weymouth.

They were all made from wool and organisers were using them to illustrate the launch of a big community project to make an entire garden from wool.

The garden will eventually be going on show in Rome via numerous local library displays across Dorset.

Organiser Julie Hursthouse said: "The idea is to bring all elements of the community together in a project which will excite people's imagination.

"We plan to knit an entire garden from shrubs, flowers, plants and trees to wheelbarrows, spades and even a garden shed.

"We also plan to use some of the larger items such as a 4ft ice-cream and a giant Jubilee Clock and Portland Bill lighthouse as part of a float which will be entered in the 2011 Weymouth Carnival."

She added that part of the overall project involved a "wool amnesty" where people can donate woolen items they no longer want.

These will then either be picked apart and the wool reused or fresh items created using cut-out woollen sections.

Julie said: "The deadline for carnival is the beginning of August and the deadline for the garden is May 1st in time to have it appear at Bournemouth Library in a big exhibition."

She added that once the garden went on show then coach trips would be arranged from all over the area to go and see it.

Julie said: "What we are starting in February is a whole series of knitting workshops, gatherings, meetings and get-togethers to knit all these items under supervision.

"The meeting at Southill launched all this and people were told how they could get involved, asked how often they wanted to meet and how we could help them with the project.

"We are working with local artist Julie McCabe to achieve our garden and anyone who would like more information or who would like to donate woolen objects should contact me on 01305-838497 or email me on juliehursthouse@weymouth.gov.uk."

■ KNITTING organiser Julie Hursthouse and artist Julie McCabe

Swoosh is squashed

PLANS to erect a giant free sculpture in Weymouth and Portland have been shelved because it could cost £40,000. The Swoosh Pavilion has been designed and constructed by students from the Architectural Association.

It was offered to the borough and a feasibility study was carried out into bringing the artistic creation here, but members of the council's management committee have now shelved the idea.

They did so after hearing that the 500-piece sculpture needs refurbishment and re-staining and that the cost of transporting material to a workshop, tackling repairs and bringing it all down to a chosen site in Weymouth or on Portland together with erecting it could cost up to £40,000.

Swoosh consists of a pair of interlocking spirals, each formed by a series of suspended timber panels of different sizes and shapes. These panels are then fitted together rather like a three dimensional jigsaw. The sculpture as a pavilion can change between acting as a canopy, bench or tunnel for adults as well as children.

Councillors had been asked to choose between Furzey Cliffs and the Mount Pleasant park and ride for their preferred site, but the whole project has foundered.

Initial debate did consider a possible site but any hope of bringing Swoosh down here evaporated once costs emerged.

Councillor Ian James said: "There is no such thing as something for nothing and we could have to find £40,000 for this. If there is that much extra work required now, how much will it cost in future?"

Councillor Kate Wheller said of the sculpture: "I really like it. It is exciting and innovative but I don't like £40,000 costs."

She also said that a public survey for comments on a possible Swoosh location had only attracted 33 replies "out of how many people?"

The meeting then voted against proceeding with the project.

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Grass cutting just escapes being cut

by Harry Walton

CUTTING grass round Weymouth and Portland has narrowly escaped becoming a victim of cuts itself.

The borough's vital well groomed image provides visitors with an attractive welcome, but it faced a much more overgrown future when Dorset County Council slashed the amount of annual cash it allocates for grass cutting from £60,000 to just £30,000.

This would only have provided two or three cuts per year to ensure highway safety only leaving worried councillors facing a series of choices including handing the grass cutting service that Weymouth and Portland is paid to provide back to the county council.

This idea was scrapped because of the impact it would have on the borough's appearance, particularly during the Olympics.

Members also rejected accepting a reduced budget to deliver a reduced service as a county agent.

This was dropped because of the impact on how the borough would look but also because of the "significant risk" of public confusion over which council was responsible for making the budget cut and delivering a significantly reduced grass cutting service.

They finally backed a third course of action for Weymouth and Portland to fund the £30,000 shortfall itself for 2011-2012.

Parks and open spaces manager Carl Dallison told a meeting of Weymouth and Portland's management committee that the impact of a £30,000 cut meant a reduction to a one-metre perimeter cut on any piece of grass verge "for highway safety only".

Vice-chairman Councillor Mike Goodman proposed a one-off £30,000 allocation ahead of the Olympic Games and said: "If the county council cannot do the necessary then I think we should step up and do it."

He pointed out the need to avoid prominent areas such as Weymouth Way, which provided the first sight of the town, becoming "overgrown litter traps". Preston and the main route to Portland Bill were other key areas, he said.

Councillor Kate Wheller backed keeping cutting "in house" but said she hoped it would extend past the Games.

She added: "We should be looking to the future and taking more of a pride in our whole environment."

Councillor Roger Allen said: "Grass cutting is important for the image it creates for our visitors and it is extremely important for the people who live here. If you let things go shoddy then it tends to compound itself."

But Councillor Howard Legg said he favoured returning cutting for the county council to deal with, protesting to them if that service was poorly carried out, while Councillor Brendan Webster said other projects might welcome more money.

Chairman Councillor Geoff Petherick said it was "important that we demonstrate out pride in the area we all actually live in" and colleagues then voted 8-2 in support of using £30,000 of extra Government cash to fund grass cutting in 2011-2012 ahead of further investigation into the issue.

■ **JOIN US: Launching the 2011 events programme in Weymouth and Portland are, from the left, events officer Charlie Sheppard, leisure manager Matt Ryan, leisure spokesman Councillor Roger Allen and Tourist Information Assistant Camille Reader**

A whole summer of fun

ROYAL wedding bells dominate Weymouth and Portland's events programme which has just been launched for 2011.

Prince William and Kate Middleton will be getting married in Westminster Abbey on Friday, April 29th to spark the start of a bumper four-day Bank Holiday weekend for the resort.

It will also feature street parties throughout Weymouth, the town's popular international beach kite festival, live music on the beach, a funfair and fireworks.

The frigate, HMS Portland, will also be in harbour and open to visitors.

Other major events during the year range from Weymouth Carnival Day and Airshow on August 17th to the Veterans Parade on June 19th and the Spirit of the Sea Festival from July 2nd-10th.

Weymouth and Portland leisure spokesman Councillor Roger Allen said: "Our events programme is the lifeblood of our tourism industry which is incredibly important to our local economy.

"There really is something for everybody among these events, all led by the Royal wedding Bank Holiday weekend.

"Overall we have more than 200 events on during the year and that is something that any resort would give their right arm for."

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Neil Higginson

As part of this campaign, here we focus on a new initiative that has been launched to give Dorset businesses a greater understanding of the finance options open to them – and to help them succeed in proposals to funders.

The new programme, entitled 'Understanding Finance for Business' offers businesses a minimum of 12 hours support with an experienced finance coach.

Neil Higginson, programme manager ERDF projects, is leading the initiative. He said: "It is a cliché, but cash is the lifeblood of a business – and when businesses enjoy strong growth, their requirement for funding can increase significantly.

"Funding decisions made during these periods can have a fundamental impact on the long-term development of the business – our new service is designed to help entrepreneurs make the right choices."

Through discussions with a range of lenders, Neil offers the following advice:

- The product or service's value proposition has to be clearly articulated - and it must be compelling. Don't use jargon or technical language in finance proposals.
- Funders want to see evidence that the market is interested – demonstrate customer feedback that proves serious interest.
- Have clarity in your cash projections – clearly demonstrate that you will be able to meet repayments.
- Don't be complacent or take your bank for granted. If you are never in touch except for the time when you need a considerable amount of money – don't be surprised if they say no!

Neil said: "The growth of the UK economy relies on our local business communities. We are launching the 'Big Conversation' to support local businesses by highlighting these new services and encouraging the online sharing of growth experiences, ideas, insights and tips."

The service is available for businesses which seek clarity of the finance and funding options available to support their growth. It comprises specialist workshops, tailored events and one-to-one business coaching.

Ian Girling, operations manager at Business Link in Dorset, said: "This new initiative will be a very welcome resource for local businesses. It will give them tailored and sound investment presentation capabilities, an understanding of all available options and potential exposure at investor forums."

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Jurassic roadshow

A ROADSHOW detailing many aspects of the Jurassic Coast has visited Weymouth.

The event organised by the Jurassic Coast World Heritage team began with a presentation in the Pavilion Ocean Room about what has been happening since 2001 when the area was first designated a World Heritage site.

Team leader Sam Rose said: "We told people about the last ten years and also about future plans which include the refurbishment of the Chesil Beach Centre.

"We are also working with our partners to prepare a plesiosaur fossil found near Weymouth ready for display at Dorset County Museum in Dorchester."

Mr Rose added that after the presentation people were able to stroll round a variety of exhibits and talk to members of the team about the Jurassic Coast while children could hunt for fossils hidden in a sand display or colour in pictures of fossils and dinosaurs.

PUBLIC INTEREST: Sam Rose with a display of fossils

by Harry Walton

Among displays on show were everything from coastal change and the Great Gale of 1824 to a series of tables covered in fossils for people to handle. These included wood, a sea urchin, shells, coral and a shark's tooth.

Mr Rose continued: "We were pleased at the interest shown and the questions people asked. The Jurassic Coast is clearly of interest to the community."

Jurassic Coast steering group member Councillor David Mannings said: "It is the tenth anniversary of the Jurassic Coast this year.

"The roadshow let people know what we have been doing over the last decade and what we want to do in the future.

"It certainly put the message across that the Jurassic Coast is a major attraction and people should get out and see it."

Anyone who would like to get involved with the Jurassic Coast or who would like more information about it should contact www.jurassiccoast.com or 01305-224132.

Twinners look forward to next visit

TWO veteran officers with a total of 42 years service to Weymouth Louviers Society retired at the annual meeting.

Many tributes were paid to the work of joint vice-chairman David Stone who had been on the committee for 27 years and general secretary Betty Adams who had served for 15 years.

Weymouth and Portland Mayor Paul Kimber presided at the meeting of the society, which was founded in 1959, and said both long-serving officers would be hard to replace.

Chairman Ted Nicklin thanked the mayor for his enthusiastic support for the French twinning throughout the year. He said the visit from Louviers in June and the trip to Louviers in August had both been a great success - which hopefully would be repeated this year. The twinning dinner at Cygnets Restaurant at Weymouth College was an excellent occasion, attended by three mayors - of Weymouth & Portland, Louviers and Portland.

TWINNERS: From the left are retiring vice-chairman David Stone, Weymouth and Portland Mayoress Helen Carr, chairman Ted Nicklin, new general secretary Pam Nicklin, retiring general secretary Betty Adams and Weymouth and Portland Mayor Paul Kimber *Photo by MICHEL HOOPER-IMMINS*

In August, a Weymouth Scouts scarf and a specially-made wooden toggle - engraved with the twin town names - was presented by Mr Kimber to Franck Martin, Mayor of Louviers, at the civic reception to welcome the Dorset delegation. The scarf and toggle will be passed-on to the Louviers Scout troop and will hopefully launch an exchange of scouts between the two towns.

French-speaking Pam Nicklin was elected as the new general secretary and Alan Roberts as the new minutes secretary. Other officers elected were chairman Ted Nicklin, vice-chairman Cath Irving, treasurer Tom Martindill, membership secretary Mary Stone, welfare secretary Ann Rendall, accommodation secretary Jeanette Martindill and public relations officer Michel Hooper-Immins.

The Mayor of Louviers will lead the delegation from Normandy when they arrive in Weymouth on June 10th. The dinner will be held at the Portland Spa Restaurant with a tour of the island and Royal Manor of Portland next day including a trip on White Motor Boats from Weymouth to Castletown Pier.

Three stabbings

THREE men were stabbed in separate incidents in Weymouth's Park district over the weekend.

All three needed hospital treatment and police investigators say they are appealing for witnesses.

The first man was found lying near Weymouth railway station while the other two assaults took place in Ranelagh Road.

Two men have been arrested in connection with the Ranelagh Road incidents.

● A 30-YEAR OLD Weymouth man has been arrested and released on bail while enquiries continue into an alleged robbery along Ilchester Road.

Police are anxious to speak to anybody who may have seen anything suspicious in that area on Wednesday, January 26th, at around 2.20pm when it it alleged that two men threatened another before making off with his wallet.

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■ GWEN ELLIOTT with Weymouth and Portland Deputy Mayor Graham Winter at the coffee morning

Coffee fundraiser for leukaemia research

by Harry Walton

MORE than 70 people attended a coffee morning in Weymouth held by South Dorset Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

Chairman Gwen Elliott thanked the Crown Hotel for hosting the event and said that they were very pleased at public response.

She added: "The money we raised will go towards vital research into leukaemia and related blood diseases.

"We started 50 years ago, we get no Government support and we rely on public support which has been wonderful today.

"Survival rates for leukaemia are on the increase and we want to keep it that way."

Among those browsing books stalls, gifts, cakes, clothing, tombola and raffles was Weymouth and Portland Deputy Mayor Graham Winter.

He said: "Charities such as this one are so important because without them there would not be as much research into these conditions. They completely deserve all the support they get."

Open mic night success

INDIE and punk band Thomas and the Mock Ups and rap artist Aiden Starck were among the young acts making a success of an open-mic night at the Queen's Hotel in Weymouth.

Aiden said: "It was a great environment for me to perform for the first time and I felt welcome even though I hardly knew anyone there."

Queen's manager Ashley Jarman said: "Everyone seemed to really enjoy the night and I'd be happy to hold another open mic event."

Dorset v Project Worker Fiona Hunt said 'The open mic nights are proving to be a great success and young people are planning to take it on the road again and hold the next event in Bridport.

"These events give young people the opportunity to perform in public which builds on their confidence and self esteem."

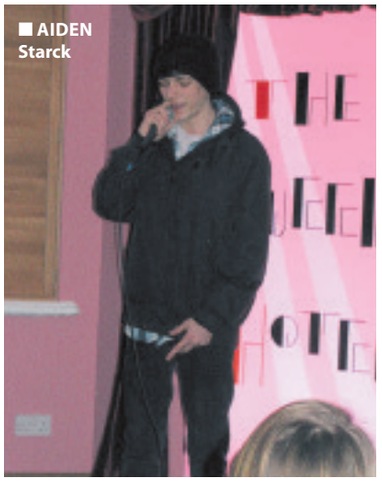
The idea came following a recent report commissioned by West Dorset council which highlighted the lack of performance space for young people in the town.

The Dorset v Open Mic Night is aiming to address this by providing regular events for young musicians to perform. A previous event was held in Dorchester.

Anyone interested in getting involved in organising future Youth Open Mic Nights should contact Fiona Hunt on 07552121668 or email fionahunt@dorsetyouth.com.

Dorset v is a youth led volunteering project managed by Dorset Youth Association funded by national charity v.

■ Thomas and the Mock Ups



■ AIDEN Starck

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Design your own deckchair

by Harry Walton

RESIDENTS are being invited to join a new project to create designs on 500 digitally printed deckchairs for Weymouth Beach.

People would go to design workshops led by three artists and later see their designs used as part of the deckchair print.

The project is being entirely funded by Arts England South West and is a pilot scheme which, if successful, will see sponsors looked for together with small contributions from participants for a second round of deckchair designs.

Weymouth and Portland arts development officer Alan Rogers said: "This is a wonderful scheme which draws on the long tradition of the British seaside to provide inspiration for contemporary art.

"It will be a splendid addition to the beach and I'm sure that the residents who get involved will be bringing their families and friends down to the beach see their deckchairs for many years to come.

"We are very lucky to get the project fully funded by Arts Council England South West and I hope the results will be good enough to attract sponsors for the future so we can produce further designs next year.

"The deckchairs should make a colourful splash when the media are here for 2012, but it would be also great to have this as an on-going legacy project.

"I think that this pilot scheme will be very popular, so I urge groups and individuals alike to sign up quick in order to avoid disappointment."

Existing groups including schools, businesses, community centres, art groups, youth clubs and retirement homes will all be receiving invitations to take part.

Artists Heather Parnell, David Mackie and Becky Adams are a team from South Wales with an extensive background in public and community art, working in the realm of ceramics, metals, textiles and fine art.

They say they love to involve members of the community in the creative process through practical workshops and active consultation and they will be looking for groups of all age ranges and interests spread across the whole borough.

The project is also open to all residents who are not members of an established group. People who sign up as individuals will be placed in the nearest group workshops to their home.

Participants' work will be included in the final deckchair designs, each of which will be unique. The artists will then use an overall design motif or colour scheme to make all the deckchairs look good together.

Workshops will be hands on and full of fun with opportunities to draw, collage, stitch, assemble and print. No previous experience is needed, just enthusiasm, and those interested in signing up to a workshop can do so now by contacting 01305 208914 and leaving a message or by emailing deckchairs@weymouth.ac.uk as soon as possible.

■ WEYMOUTH College principal Sue Moore with students displaying prototype painted deckchairs

Relief road planting gets underway

GREEN fingers are getting to grips with the Weymouth Relief Road, transforming its bare slopes and cuttings.

The embankments from Veasta Roundabout to Ridgeway Bridge were sown with local grass and wildflower seeds last year and now the main planting work is underway.

Landscape contractors from Dorset County Council have been planting trees and shrubs along the line of the road in time for this year's growing season.

Most recently, hawthorn, blackthorn and various wild rose species have been planted on the Lorton Lane Green Bridge, and hazel, oak, ash, wild cherry and willow species are being planted alongside the road in the Lorton area.

County senior landscape officer Tony Harris said: "We've been careful to select native species of grasses, wildflowers, shrubs and trees as it will make a big difference to how the road is seen and blends in with its landscape setting as well as maximising nature conservation interest.

"This summer the new plants and trees will begin to establish and in a few years time they will really start to grow and help integrate the road into its surroundings."

County area grounds manager Iain Hewitt said: "Over the next two seasons there will be a considerable amount of landscaping work to be undertaken, especially on the other green bridges and around the park and ride site.

"To date we have planted around 35,000 native trees and shrubs and seeded approximately 57,000 square metres of grassland. The Weymouth Relief Road scheme will total 130,000 trees, shrubs and aquatic plants."

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The original sign was many decades old, and **Palmer's Brewery** awarded **Swift Signs** the contract to produce the new signage with the strict proviso that it would retain its true traditional character & appearance. We also had to adhere to a strict deadline due to the royal visit.

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

Teachers need a bit of support

ONE of my earliest childhood memories is a hazy recollection of a huge gate providing a looming primary school welcome to me in rural Devon where my family had just moved.

Immediately I was enfolded into a warm existence where caring teachers looked after relatively small village school classes and unerringly drew the best out of them.

I was able to firmly put behind me the Midlands school I had already run away from once, but times change and now it would appear that it is teachers on the knife edge of survival who might be forgiven for running away.

One young guardian of local education made some pretty eye opening comments about the 3 Rs at their school which can apparently now stand for Reading, Rioting and Arithmetic.

No school, however much it would like to portray such an image, is ever going to run smoothly all the time.

That said I was deeply grateful for my own brand of early schooling when set against the sort of incidents I heard had happened at this teacher's school, an institution to which they were devoted but which was clearly stretching them to the limit.

If half of what they said was true they deserve a medal because how would you or I cope with screaming youngsters trying to kick a door down?

How about older pupils holding off attacking younger pupils only because they were taller and could keep them at arm's length through a hand on their darling little head?

If pupil to pupil combat is too much for you, how about that teacher being threatened by one cherub who essentially warned that when their Mum could get involved then, hey, watch out!

Any teacher of old could dish out 100 lines, but the modern bottom line in certain schools would appear to be much more challenging for teachers.

So perhaps all parents should rally round and support their local school and give teachers crucial backing to deal with such behaviour, however isolated, because only a few terms separate the school corridor from the streets of Weymouth and Portland and a much harsher learning curve.

There will be no savings left to earn interest on!

SO alleged financial sages are urging the Bank of England not to raise interest rates are they?

For those of you with a few groats tucked away under the mattress for a rainy day this makes pretty gloomy news.

The history of this strangulation of savers goes back to March 2009 when interest rates sank to an all time low of 0.5 per cent. They have now been kept there for 22 months in a row.

Never mind almost indecent bonuses for bankers, never mind galloping inflation which soared to 3.7 per cent for December and never mind the rest of us battling to cope with higher VAT, steeper food and fuel bills and deep sorrow over some footballer forced to take a £20,000 a week cut in wages.

Ordinary people who all their lives have obeyed the law, worked hard and tried to save a bit for their old age are now expected to swallow smart ass finance sharks' remarks urging the Bank of England not to "lose its nerve" and raise interest rates.

The cheek of it! The only nerves of relevance here for the finance high flyers to note are my nerves that they're getting on.

So here's some non-expert financial advice for the Bank of England to also bear in mind.

If something isn't done to raise interest rates soon and give a farthing of hope to millions of people with savings then pretty soon it won't matter because no one will have any savings left to be given interest on.

Get rid of the slashing machines

RURAL crafts are making a long overdue comeback and there has never been a time when their gentle presence has been so much needed.

From the coast road to work on hedges in the heart of Weymouth…the dreaded slashing machines are back and out in force. Tree trunks display white scars and branches are clumsily chewed back in tens of thousands to provide a shattered and ugly memorial to modern times.

This orchestrated destruction requires one man and one machine, something authorities will tell you is necessary because it saves a lot of money which would otherwise be required to send out a gang of men to do it all by hand. There are several replies to this.

Firstly, there used to exist traditional hedge cutting machinery which simply went along the line of a hedge and cut growth off at right angles with none of the visible slashing damage now inflicted on us.

Secondly, slashing may well be cheaper than a gang of men but don't tell me it is all that cheaper because the machinery has to be paid for, someone somewhere has to be paid to make it and there is all the money required to make the parts.

If it has to be mechanised then surely it is not beyond the wit of man to devise a modern machine which mirrors the simple cutting action of machinery used years ago.

Of course there is one final huge benefit to be gained from a better approach and it is this.

Drivers will not be bombarded with flying shards and slivers of wood as they go past the current slashing machines nor will they risk punctures on hundreds of yards of road where chewed debris is just left to lie for cars to drive over.

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AB010	Maintain & Operate the Chainsaw (3 day) Unit 30	Wed, 23-Feb, Tue, 08-Mar
AB018	Operate Chainsaw from Rope & Harness Unit 39	Tue, 22-Mar-11
AB058	Use of Powered Pole Pruners Wed, 30-Mar-11	Wed, 30-Mar-11
AB010	Maintain & Operate the Chainsaw (3 day) Unit 30	Wed, 06-Apr-11
AB012	Chainsaw - Fell Small Trees Unit 31	Tue, 26-Apr-11
AB010	Maintain & Operate the Chainsaw (3 day) Unit 30	Wed, 27-Apr-11
Animal Care		
AC034	Dog Grooming Taster Course	Sat, 19-Feb-11
AC080	Advanced K9 Psychology	Sat, 19-Feb-11
AC087	First Aid Certificate for Animal Care Assistants	Thu, 10-Mar-11
AC118	Young Keepers for the day	Mon, 11-Apr-11 - Thu, 21-Apr-11
Agriculture		
AG012	Practical Lambing	Sat, 05-Mar-11
AG019	Telescopic Rough Terrain Lift Truck - (Semi Experienced)	Thu, 03-Feb-11
AG016	Tractor Driving & Related Operations	Mon, 21-Feb-11
AG074	Pesticide Application (Tractor Spraying)	Tue, 01-Mar-11
AG019	Telescopic Rough Terrain Lift Truck - (Semi Experienced)	Thu, 03-Mar-11
AG145	Agriculture (Sheep Production) - ER or College Certificate	Thu, 03-Mar-11
CM006	Wildlife & Conservation	Fri, 04-Mar-11
AG020	Practical Welding	Mon, 07-Mar-11
AG019	Telescopic Rough Terrain Lift Truck - (Semi Experienced)	Thu, 17-Mar-11
AG018	All Terrain Vehicles NPTC Certificate of Competence	Fri, 25-Mar-11
AG016	Tractor Driving & Related Operations	Mon, 04-Apr-11
AG022	Advanced Blacksmithing Craft	Tue, 26-Apr-11
Floristry		
FL002	Simply Flowers	Tue, 01-Mar-11
Equine		
EQ058	Introduction to Alternative Horsemanship & Equine Behaviour	Sat, 26-Feb-11
EQ007	Horse Owners Certificate Level 3	Mon, 28-Mar-11
EQ062	Introduction to Alternative Horsemanship - Spook Busting	Sat, 26-Mar-11
EQ052	BHS Stage 111 Horse Knowledge Care & Riding - Riding	Thu, 31-Mar-11
EQ053	BHS Stage 111 Horse Knowledge Care & Riding - Stables	Thu, 31-Mar-11
EQ066	Introduction to Alternative Horsemanship - Horse Confidence	Sat, 23-Apr-11
EQ046	Preliminary Teaching Test	Wed, 27-Apr-11
IT & Business Skills & Professional Development		
IT554	SAGE Computerised Accounts - Level 2 - Mon p.m.	Mon, 28-Feb-11
IT554	SAGE Computerised Accounts - Level 2 - Mon eve	Mon, 28-Feb-11
IT511	Basic Guide to Computing Part 2 - Wed eve	Wed, 02-Mar-11
IT560	Computer Aided Design - AutoCAD - Level 2 - Wed eve	Wed, 02-Mar-11
IT532	ITQ Accounts & Data Management - Thurs p.m.	Thu, 03-Mar-11
IT561	Computer Aided Design (AutoCAD 2D) - L3 - Thurs eve	Thu, 03-Mar-11
IT511	Basic Guide to Computing Part 2 - Fri p.m.	Fri, 04-Mar-11
FA010	First Aid for Parents or Guardians	Fri, 04-Mar-11
PD201	Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS)	Thu, 10-Mar-11
FA011	Emergency First Aid at Work	Fri, 11-Mar-11
FA014	First Aid at Work Requalification	Fri, 25-Mar-11
IT525	ECDL Essentials - Tues a.m.	Tue, 26-Apr-11
IT550	Book-Keeping and Accounts Level 1 - Tues p.m.	Tue, 26-Apr-11
IT551	Book-Keeping and Accounts Level 2 - Tues eve	Tue, 26-Apr-11
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IT584	Web Design - Creating Database Driven Websites - Tues eve	Tue, 26-Apr-11
IT510	Basic Guide to Computing - Part 1 - Wed p.m.	Wed, 27-Apr-11
IT514	Basic Guide to Computing - Part 3 - Wed eve	Wed, 27-Apr-11
IT531	ECDL Extras - Thurs a.m.	Thu, 28-Apr-11
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Lots more part-time courses throughout 2011. Keep an eye on our website, call for more information or come along to our course information sessions on Sunday 20th February, 10am - 1pm or Thursday 17th March, 5.30pm - 8pm. Please quote ref KMC 10046

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• Austen Whetham & Guest Solicitors

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Five pages filled with wonderful gift ideas for your Valentine ❤

❤ Love Chocolate

Melt your partner's heart this Valentines with Love Chocolate

New to The Street in Charmouth is Love Chocolate, a little shop which will make all chocolate lovers' mouths water!

Owners husband and wife team Sue and Martin Harvey opened the shop as they have a real passion for good quality chocolate. Before moving to Charmouth they ran a deli where they sold homemade chocolate made by fully trained Martin.

Now they are settled in Charmouth and run another business, Love Chocolate is their hobby and the shop is filled with beautiful quality chocolates of all flavours and sizes which they import from a family run chocolate house in Belgium. One day they are hoping to again sell their own homemade chocolates too.

Sue would really like the shop to feel a like a 'chocolate florist', where customers come in and either treat themselves, or treat a loved one, family member or friend to a gift, which can be personalised and wrapped to how you would like it. Gift prices range from £3 to £40

With a large range of chocolates and truffles to choose from there is also a counter filled with different flavoured fudges made in Cornwall, Choc-o-laite sticks for hot drinks, traditional sweets, Jelly Belly's, Kendal Mint cake, Traditional Liquorice and chocolate animals and dinosaurs – something for all ages.

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DID YOU KNOW...?
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❤ Alexandra Hotel

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❤ By The Bay Restaurant

Looking for Romance this Valentine's weekend?

If you really want to show someone just how much you love them, book a table at By the Bay Restaurant and Wine Bar on Marine Parade in Lyme Regis and treat them to a delicious meal in the fantastic seafront restaurant.

Enjoy the chilled atmosphere, sip a cocktail in the funky bar, snuggle up on the leather sofas and then dine in style as the candlelight, wonderful food, great wine and attentive service come together to deliver the perfect romantic evening out!

By The Bay's talented chefs and kitchen team have put together a wonderful seasonal menu of mouth-watering delights for this special weekend and tables are going fast. At just £24.95 you will love the great 3 course menu that also includes welcome canapés and a glass of pretty pink fizz on arrival to start the evening in style, a cleansing, tangy sorbet between courses and coffee and mints to round off a memorable dining experience. Available after 6.30pm each evening from Friday, February 11th until Monday, February 14th inclusive, this special Valentine's offering sits alongside the regular evening menu to give you and your loved one the chance to indulge in your favourite foodie delights.

For your reservation, call the By the Bay team now on 01297 442668 to avoid disappointment.

The story of St. Valentine

In 270 A.D., marriage had been outlawed by the emperor of Rome, Claudius II. Claudius issued this decree because he thought that married men made bad soldiers since they were reluctant to be torn away from their families in the case of war. Claudius had also outlawed Christianity in this time period because he wished to be praised as the one supreme god, the Emperor of Rome. Valentine was the bishop of Interamna during this period of oppression. Valentine thought that the decrees of Rome were wrong. He believed that people should be free to love God and to marry. Valentine invited the young couples of the area to come to him. When they came, Valentine secretly performed services of matrimony and united the couples.

Valentine was eventually caught and was brought before the emperor. The emperor saw that Valentine had conviction and drive that was unsurpassed among his men. Claudius tried and tried to persuade Valentine to leave Christianity, serve the Roman empire and the Roman gods. In exchange, Claudius would pardon him and make him one of his allies. St. Valentine held to his faith and did not renounce Christ. Because of this, the emperor sentenced him to a three-part execution. First, Valentine would be beaten, then stoned, and then finally, decapitated. Valentine died on February 14th, 270 A.D.

While in prison, waiting for his sentence to be carried out, Valentine fell in love with the jailer's daughter, the blind Asterius. During the course of Valentine's prison stay, a miracle occurred and Asterius regained her sight. Valentine sent her a final farewell note. He signed his last note, "From Your Valentine." Even today, this message remains as the motto for our Valentine's Day celebrations.

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Kaeng Kari Gai
A Yellow curry of chicken and coconut milk with onion, potatoes and carrot.
Neau Pad Tao Zee
Spicy stir fried beef with black bean sauce.
Pad Mee Singapore (V)
Stir fried rice vermicelli with oriental spices
Khow Suay (V)
Steamed Thai jasmine rice.
SPECIAL DESSERT
Homemade light Banana Cake
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£ 29.95 per person (minimum 2 people)
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Thai Nakorn Platter
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MAIN DISHES
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Kaeng Kari Neau
A Yellow curry of beef and coconut milk with onion, potatoes and carrot.
Pad Priew Warn Kung
Stir fried prawns in tempura batter in a sweet and sour sauce with peppers, pineapple, onions and tomato.
Pad Mee Singapore (V)
Stir fried rice vermicelli with oriental spices.
Khow Suay (V) *Steamed Thai jasmine rice.*
SPECIAL DESSERT
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Kaeng Kari Tofu
A Yellow curry of beancurd and coconut milk with onion, potatoes and carrot.
Tofu pad Khing - *Stir fried beancurd with mushrooms, spring onions in aromatic ginger sauce*
Pad Mee Singapore (V)
Stir fried rice vermicelli with oriental spices.
Khow Suay (V) - Steamed Thai jasmine rice.
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❤ Pygmalion Florist

Pygmalion Florist is sharing the love!

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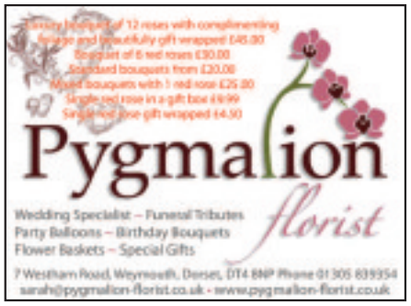
Our Valentines collection includes a variety of tastes and styles to suit all requirements so why not step out of your busy life, and take a moment to be spontaneous with the simple gift of flowers, you'll be surprised with how much love you get in return.

A few dates for your diaries-Pygmalion Florist will be exhibiting at the Debenhams Wedding Weekend on 19th and 20th Feb, (Debenhams opening times). We will have lots of lovely wedding flower ideas freshly made for your perusal, so if can come and visit us there, it's a good chance to see fresh wedding bouquet designs in the flesh and not just in a photo.

We are also running the first of a monthly flower arranging class at the shop on Wed 16th Feb 6.30pm-8.30pm. This will consist of making a beautiful table arrangement, nice bright and cheerful. The cost is £20.00, the arrangement is yours to take home at the end of the evening. Advance booking is essential.

For more information contact the shop on 839854 or email sarah@pygmalionflorist.co.uk.



❤ The Millside Restaurant

Enjoy your magic moments at the Millside Restaurant

Enjoy a relaxing evening of tasty, locally sourced, homemade dishes with your loved one at the Millside Restaurant, Lyme Regis. They will be serving a special Valentines menu on Friday, February 11th, Saturday 12th and Monday 14th from 6.30-9pm. Full of delights that you'll enjoy eating, with no fancy Valentine's gimmicks, just a lovely romantic setting down by the mill with delicious food.

Richard Benson, Manager at the Millside said: "We've chosen to individually price all of our dishes this year, so you and your partner can decide how many courses you fancy!

"I don't know if this will help move things along for any of you lovers out there but Jess (Hodder, also a manager at the Millside) and I recently got engaged during our holiday in Barcelona, so if you need any help with special arrangements, I'm your man!"

To book at the Millside or for more details call 01297 445999.

DID YOU KNOW...?
The red rose was the favorite flower of Venus, the Roman goddess of love. The color red stands for strong romantic feelings making the red rose the flower of love.

Richard Benson and his fiancee Jess Hodder

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Baked Somerset goats cheese with a walnut crust, beetroot puree and mixed leaves £5.50

Main courses
Beef Wellington, fillet of local beef wrapped in mushroom duxell and puff pastry with wilted spinach and gratin dauphinous £18.00
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Fillet of salmon with artichoke risotto and crispy sage £13.50
Potato gnocchi with St Aldhelms blue cream and black truffle oil £12.00

Dessert
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Baked lemon cheesecake with a passion fruit jelly £5.50
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From Dorset, with love...

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the help of these local businesses

DID YOU KNOW...?
There was a belief in the Middle Ages that the first unmarried person (of the opposite sex) you met on the morning of St. Valentine's Day would become your spouse.

DID YOU KNOW...?
The oldest surviving love poem till date is written in a clay tablet from the times of the Sumerians, inventors of writing, around 3500 B.C.

❤ Dorset County Museum

Say *I love you* in the old fashioned way

A free one-day Valentine's Fayre combining music, dancing and teas with beautiful gifts, takes place at Dorset County Museum on Sunday, February 13th, from 10am to 3pm.

Listen to live music from past decades with Johanna Wolff and her talented musicians. Enjoy vintage tea and cakes from Vintage Dorset and take a spin on the dance floor with a friendly caller and simple steps (dancing at 11am and 1pm).

With romantic and gorgeous gifts including homewares, cards, flowers, and jewellery plus vintage gowns, evening wear and retro fashions, plus a selection of fabulous handbags and accessories.

For weddings, engagements and anniversaries, discover a range of photography, cakes, flowers and other services to bring a touch of magic to your special occasion.

This unique event is a collaboration between retro and vintage enthusiasts, craftspeople and hand-makers, musicians, singers and local artisans all living and working in and around Dorchester. The Fayre is kindly sponsored by the Co-operative Membership and Dorset County Museum.

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❤ Lavender Blue Florist

Local florist Lavender Blue gears up for Valentine's Day

Lavender Blue in Bridport has launched a special selection of romantic floral designs that will make sure your Valentine's Day goes exactly as planned.

Everybody loves to receive a special delivery of flowers around Valentine's Day, which is why the shop, which can be found on Lilliput Lane, has created a stunning selection of hand-crafted gifts. Items range from timeless classics such as a dozen red roses or a single red rose in a gift box, through to more contemporary designs containing alternatives to roses such as tulips, amaryllis or gerberas. What's more, as fully trained professional florists, they'll even make up a bespoke design exactly to your requirements, should you have something special in mind.

Plants haven't been forgotten either, with a large choice of romantic offerings all beautifully packaged. Champagne, cuddly toys, chocolates and balloons are available too, helping you to make this Valentine's Day one to remember.

All of Lavender Blue's Valentine's flowers and plants are hand crafted by skilled florists using the freshest flowers and are ready for takeaway from the shop or to be personally delivered on the date of your choice, with no nasty courier van or unsightly cardboard box to be seen anywhere, as you get with some internet or supermarket flowers.

Commenting on this year's Valentine's Day, which falls on a Monday, the shop's owner Sue Clark said: "Nothing beats the thrill of receiving a hand-delivered gorgeous bouquet in front of all your workmates.

Sue adds: "We love Valentine's Day – nothing beats the look on the recipient's face when they receive their flowers and they'll love you for it too – simply give us a call and let us make sure Valentine's Day 2011 is a truly memorable one for you!"

What's more, Lavender Blue, can also arrange for you to send flowers to loved ones who you can't be with on Valentine's Day, wherever they are in the UK or further afield, via the Interflora network of professional florists.

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We have a fabulous team of employees working hard to bring great products at great prices and we pride ourselves on providing a great customer service to all.

If you would like help finding that perfect present for your loved one this Valentines Day, please visit our website www.hihosilver.co.uk to look through all our beautiful products (for that extra special present we have a team of gift wrappers on hand and you can also add a personal message) or to locate your nearest store where you will be greeted by our helpful and friendly staff who are always happy to assist.

DID YOU KNOW...?
73% of people who buy flowers for Valentine's Day are men, while only 2% are women. Also, about 3% of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.

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❤ Busy Bee Florists

Roses are red, violets are blue, say it with flowers, I love you!

Busy Bee florists have been keeping love alive in Axminster since they were established in 1987. The owner Alison and her Colleague Sally have 50 years floristry experience between them, and they tailor every bouquet to the individual, no two are ever the same.

The prices at Busy Bee have remained the same for 3 years in a row, so despite the recession, you can still find excellent value. Every valentine budget can be catered for as they offer everything from a single rose or flower, to a variety of bouquets.

Alison uses only the highest quality A-grade, fresh, flowers that are delivered on a daily basis. Busy Bee Florists are also able to deliver flowers locally and world wide via Teleflorist.

Bookings are now being taken for Valentines Day so feel free to contact Alison or Sally on 01297 33192, who will be happy to help you with any orders.

Busy Bee Florist

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❤ Swallow Eaves Hotel & Reeds Restaurant

Romance in the air at the elegant Swallows Eaves

Swallows Eaves Hotel is nestled in the pretty village of Colyford "where country meets coast". Elegant yet homely, it's an ideal short break retreat for exploring the Jurassic Coast or dipping into the historical heart of Exeter for shopping, theatre and entertainment.

The hotel has eight beautifully decorated guest rooms offering a high standard of hotel accommodation, with several rooms having glorious views across the wooded hills of the Axe valley. Welcomed with special touches such as local Tarka Spring water and Dorset biscuits, you can enjoy the ultimate sleeping experience tucked inside luxurious soft Egyptian cotton sheets.

But before you do, be sure not to miss the stunning dining experience in Reeds Restaurant. Taking a lead from the glorious Devon countryside and coast surrounding it, Reeds' philosophy is to serve top quality, beautifully cooked dishes using only the best in-season and locally sourced ingredients. Remodelled in 2010 into a light and airy space, Reeds offers 'Modern British and European' menus, which are updated regularly to match the changing seasons.

The beautifully decorated dining area at Swallows Eaves

You are guaranteed a very warm welcome and first-class dining experience from owner Dorothy Robson, Head Chef Paul and their dedicated team. As previous visitors can testify, whether you stay for an evening, a night, the weekend or longer, all your needs are catered for with a smile and you'll be wanting to book a return visit straightaway!

Contact Dorothy on 01297 553184 or info@swallowseaves.co.uk to make your booking or visit the website www.swallowseaves.co.uk / www.twitter.com/reedsrestaurant for more details.

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View Weddings

Wowz Design

Nikki Davies and her team at Wowz on Canvas, provide a completely personal wedding stationery service. They create bespoke stationery to suit all budgets and specialise in bringing their clients ideas to life! "It is very much a combined effort", says Nikki, "These days a lot of couples have weddings that may not be traditional, particularly if they are going away, and having a party on their return - we like to come up with something original, perhaps using photos, poems and artwork, to create a unique range of stationery."

From simple postcard invites to more elaborate hand-crafted cards, the emphasis is on originality and quality. Customers are welcome to come in and see the range at their workshop, whch is at the rear of Brewers Quay, opposite the car park, or they can visit the website www.wowzoncanvas.co.uk, or check out their facebook page which has lots of sample photos for inspiration! If you are interested in booking a free consultation, please call Nikki on 01305 839943 or email nikki@wowzoncanvas.co.uk. Wowz on Canvas will be exhibiting at the forthcoming Wedding Fair at Portland Castle on Sunday 6th March.

Pebble Beach Florist

NKW Weddings & Occasions

The lovely little wedding & gift boutique that is N.K.W Weddings & Occasions has moved to town from Poundbury and is now open and looking gorgeous nestled in Durngate Street.

N.K.W is a not to be missed one-stop shop when planning a wedding or special occasion. You'll find a wealth of inspiration for styling your event as well as receiiving friendly help and advice.

There is everything from Stationery, table decorations and centrepieces, chair covers and sashes through to guest books, albums and keepsakes. With the added services of Venue Dressing, Coordination and Hire Items, including linen and tableware, there is everything you could need under one lovely roof.

New stocks are arriving regularly and there are some wonderful christmas baubles on display with some gorgeous little stocking fillers.

Don't miss this little gem in a lovely street that has lots to offer.

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You can also meet us at the Kingston Maurward Wedding Fair on Sunday 13th Feb.

Town Mill Brewery

AFTER almost a year of production, Town Mill Brewery has made a name for itself as a brewer of outstanding beer.

The brewery is supplying many local freehouses, off licences and restaurants and getting very favourable comments both from publicans and beer drinkers.

Brewer Jon Hosking commented recently: "Within six months of opening we reached a point where we simply couldn't brew sufficient beer to meet demand. It was very encouraging!

"We are now expanding into additional premises to ensure we can meet demand this year."

Jon Hosking together with Mark Jenkin of Mighty Hop Brewery and John Whinnerah of Art Brew are organising *The Three Brewers – Lyme Regis Beer Festival* to be held at the Marine Theatre on 26th March 2011, a great opportunity for beer lovers to enjoy excellent local beer, food and music in Lyme Regis' stunning seaside setting.

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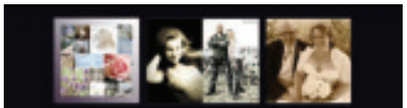

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IF you are planning your wedding and need expert help and advice (plus a great day out) then a visit to the Valentine's Wedding Fayre at The Fairwater Head Hotel is a must. Twenty five wedding suppliers will be there to help on Sunday 13th February between 1130 and 1600 showcasing their services – from beautiful dresses to handmade jewellery. The hotel will also be giving away goody bags to the first thirty visiting brides, running a raffle to win one of 4 great prizes with proceeds going to the local Air Ambulance, plus early arrivers will be treated to free sparkling wine and canapés. Admission is free.

Also as you walk around the elegant Edwardian hotel, which now has its own licence for civil weddings, you will be able listen to the serene sounds of harpist Seona Stockel while wedding singer Karen Bailey will add a special touch with some romantic songs.

Every wedding is special and unique and we are sure you will find the exhibitors at this exciting event have something to help you achieve the wedding day of your dreams.

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Silk Stocking Lingerie in Sidmouth supply beautiful bras, lingerie and swimwear for the pretty petite to the beautiful larger bride.

Sarah Case is a mobile hair and make-up artist with vast experience and covers the South West for brides and their party.

Tiaras and Feathers – Margaret Duffy designs fascinators and headwear guaranteed to turn heads.

Guests can also visit the hotel's bridal suite which will contain examples from stand holders displayed as they would be on the big day.

Said Carrie Southwell, Proprietor of the Fairwater Head Hotel 'We have concentrated on getting a wide selection of stands and exhibitors from a wedding singer to a harpist, handmade jewellery to marquees, make up to wedding dresses and wedding cakes to stationery. We really want to ensure every bride to be leaves the wedding fayre with lots of ideas for her big day'.

The hotel itself is situated close to Hawkchurch - the 'village of roses' - just four miles from Axminster and five miles from Lyme Regis so the wedding fayre is easy to reach from all local major centres. As well as the wedding fayre the hotel itself makes a great venue for small intimate weddings and while larger parties can take over the hotel or use a marquee in the grounds. Also the hotel now has its own civil wedding licence-what better setting for your wedding.

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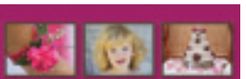

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Bennetts Water Gardens

This unique location just 2 miles from Weymouth harbour is available for 'exclusive' hire. Civil Ceremonies can take place outside in the Imperial Gazebo that stands within the heart of the gardens, overlooking the Monet style Japanese bridge and water lily ponds. The bride can make the most stunning entrance magically appearing from the bridge, her dress reflecting in the water, then walking through a six meter willow arch and into the gazebo for the ceremony. After the ceremony reception drinks can be served on the terrace.

Bennetts Water Gardens also specialise in Marquee receptions. The bride and groom can choose anything from a hog roast to a 5 course banquet and continue celebrations into the evening with a disco or band while the floodlit gardens create a magical atmosphere. Alternatively a smaller reception can be held in Café Monet with its superb view over the lake.

Couples may choose to hold just the ceremony in the gardens or just the reception, but it is the perfect venue to spend your entire wedding day.

15 Ways to Make Your Wedding a Unique and Truly Memorable Event

If you've been to one wedding, you've seen it all. From the flowers and the candles to the dress and the music, the typical wedding can be as predictable and generic as your Uncle Leo's dance moves. For your wedding to stand out, you need to involve your guests in the sentiment and process of the day. It's not the cake or the great food that will be remembered, but all the little details that will make your wedding as unique and memorable for your guests as it will be for you. These 25 ideas on how to personalize your day will make it the event that will be talked about for years to come:

1. Write a welcome note for your out-of-town guests on postcards from the city your wedding takes place. It's a nice personal touch that shows tremendous thought as well as a keepsake that can be saved with photos of the wedding.
2. Include an "About the Wedding Party" section in your programs or on the reception tables for your guests to learn more about the members of your bridal party. Not everyone will know that you and your Maid of Honor have been best friends since preschool.
3. Hang your dress on a pretty silk coat hanger the day of your wedding. People will be taking photographs of the dress before you put it on and you'd like to avoid having it on an old wire coat hanger.
4. Send your invitations to Loveville, Maryland first -- they've developed special wedding postmarks that add a nice "love" touch to your envelope. Call 301-475-5243 for details.
5. Invite the President, Pope, and the Queen of England for a special wedding surprise. Be sure to send their invites out early.
6. If you're planning on taking pictures prior to the ceremony, clear everyone out of the ceremony site and have your groom at the end of the aisle. Walk down the aisle, so it's only the two of you. It's a very sweet and special moment that you can share... and the pictures of the tears in his eyes will be priceless.
7. Place tissues or personalized embroidered handkerchiefs in the rows where family will be seated for their "tears of joy".
8. Write a letter to your mom and dad and have it waiting for them at their seat during the ceremony. It could be about anything: a thank you, how you hope your marriage turns out like theirs, your gratitude everything they have done for you, etc. They will be so touched and honored that you took the time to arrange for this and you'll have them in tears before you begin to walk down the aisle!
9. Have each bridesmaid carry a bouquet made entirely of their favorite flower. Your bouquet will be a combination of all of their flowers.
10. Dress your flowergirl in a bright color rather than a replica of your dress so that the dress can be worn again.Remember that this wedding is about celebrating your love and inviting your family and friends to see a glimpse of who you are. **Don't be afraid to do things a little differently... your guests will appreciate and remember your day all the more for it!**

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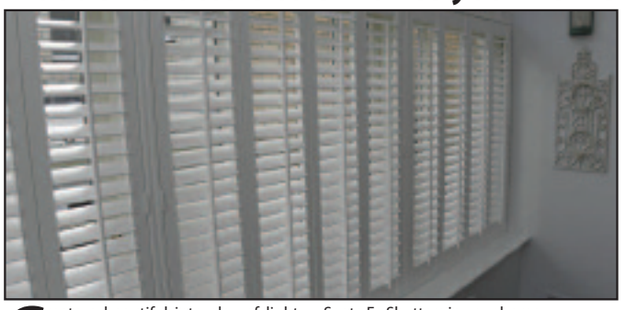

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View Gardens & Landscapes

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All of the staff at Sherborne Turf have experience of the products we sell, so for assistance on any aspect of your garden project, please give us a all on 01935 850388. Office hours are 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and Saturday mornings during busy periods.

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Gregory's are committed to using the highest quality materials in order to maintain the professional standard that is the hallmark of any Gregory's job. As such, Gregory's is an accredited Safe Contractor and a member of the Guild of Master Craftsmen.

If you are redesigning from the roots up, or simply require a helping hand to keep your garden looking its best, phone Greg on 01305 751777 or 07976 829623 or visit www.gregoryslandscapes.co.uk for more information.

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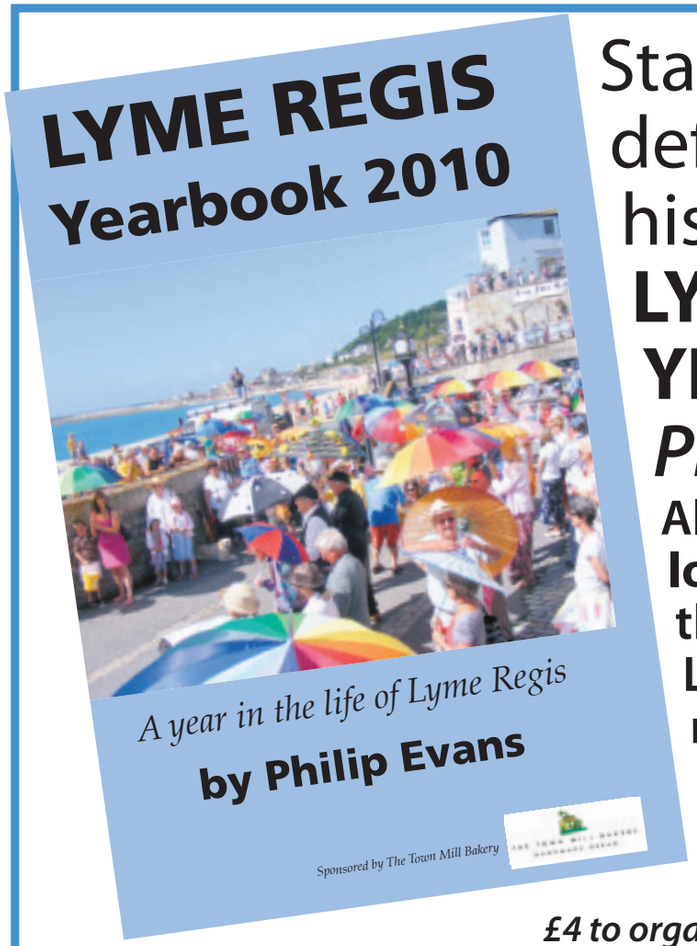
AB Aquatics is a Dorset based company catering for all aquatic and landscaping needs, for both commercial and residential applications, from design to completion. We offer over 20 years experience covering all aspects of the aquatic industry, from fisheries management to pond maintenance. With our combined experience we have been involved in all areas of the aquatic and landscaping field, working in conjunction with organizations such as The RHS and the Environment Agency, covering river and pond projects of all sizes around the country. The services we offer can all be tailored to meet any requirements of our clients; this may be the time scale for the project or planning for the natural development of the feature in the future.



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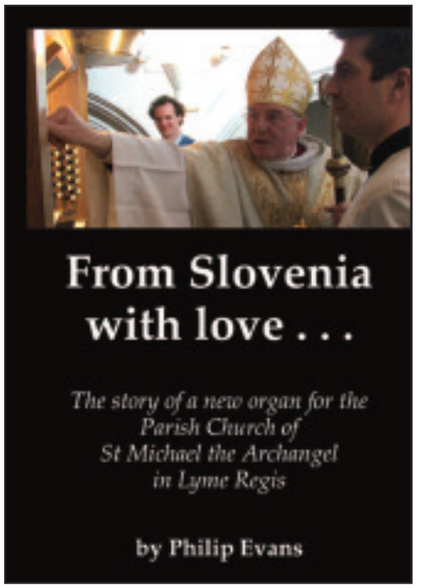

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View 2 Music

Get ready to blow away those winter blues

BRIDPORT'S very own Stompin' Dave brings a night of the highest quality blues to the Electric Palace on Thursday, February 17th. In these times of recession the blues of ***Michael Roach*** has never been more relevant. Playing songs born in the great depression of the 1930s they tell stories of hope in times of trouble.

Michael is originally from Washington DC, and founder of the European Blues Association. He is regarded as one of todays finest exponents of East Coast blues, a form of music made famous by Blind Willie McTell, Blind Boy Fuller, Reverend Gary Davis, Sonny Terry and Brownie McGhee.

As well as being an amazing singer and guitarist, with a passion for playing live, he is a respected historian. Michael has lectured for the Smithsonian Institute in the USA and Oxford University, he has also presented 'Deep Blue', a Radio 4 series on blues music, which all go towards his aim of bringing about a greater understanding of blues music and the Black experience.

Joining Michael on the night will be ***Bex Marshall***. Bex can be best described as bringing to the stage an explosion of blue hot acoustic slide with a unique earthy melting pot of a voice. Bex Marshalls outstanding virtuoso guitar playing is a mixture of exposed blues and ragtime flails augmented by her stunning whiskey soaked vocals, and diverse, but always poignant writing.

She has picked up rave reviews from music magazines from LA to New Zealand, and has shared stages with various international artists including Bob Dylan, The Counting Crows, Billy Bragg, The Dubliners, Robert Plant, The Yardbirds, and Country Joe Macdonald to name a few. After three tours of the US Bex's *Kitchen Table* went to number 20 in the US Americana Music Association Chart.

Kicking off the night in the finest blues style will be ***Stompin' Dave*** himself, joined on stage by the award winning bluesman from The Producers, ***Dave Saunders***. The recent release of their Country Blues CD harvested excellent reviews from Blues Matters, Maverick and Blues In Britain. They also earned a standing ovation at the Boogaloo Blues Festival on the Isle of Wight.

Stompin' Dave is really looking forward to putting on another show in the Electric Palace after very successful events last year and said: "The Blues is a music that reflects the troubles people are going through in hard times, and are as relevant today as they were in the 1930s. But they also are uplifting in the hands of truly gifted musicians. Michael Roach is one such musician, and being joined by Bex, Dave and myself will make a real night to remember.

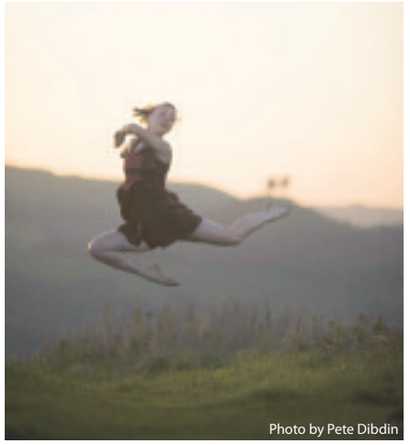
"That the show takes place in the grand and historic surroundings of The Electric Palace, a venue that itself dates back to the 1920s, is ideally suited to bringing to life the blues music of the '30s and linking it with the modern blues of today."

Tickets for the February 17th gig are £10 in advance. They can be bought from Bridport TIC (01308) 424901 or direct from Dave via the website www.stompinstore.com

Michael Roach

BRIDPORT YOUTH DANCE SEE THEIR REFLEXIONS

BRIDPORT Youth Dance present their new performance *Reflexions* at Bridport Arts Centre on Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th and Saturday, March 5th.



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Reflexions is a collaborative production of work created by Nikki Northover and the Bridport Youth Dance students with additional choreography by Niki McCretton, Nikki Penfold, Louise Turner, Xavi Monreal, Jonny Hoskins and Benjamin Dunks. Music for Tread Softly by Andrew Dickson.

Performances take place at 7.30pm each night. Tickets cost £9 for adults and £6 for children/students. For tickets call Bridport Arts Centre box office on 01308 424204

Great opportunity for Lyme Youth Theatre

THE Lyme Regis Youth Theatre does not often enjoy a profile commensurate with the good work that it does but now has a chance to do just that. It has been invited to take part in 'National Theatre Connections', a nationwide celebration of young theatre talent organised by the National Theatre, and will therefore have the opportunity to display its talents nationwide.

This project, sponsored by Bank of America and Merrill Lynch, represents a real opportunity for local talent and local groups to demonstrate their collective abilities, for the National Theatre has commissioned a group of talented young playwrights to produce scripts with which the young can identify. The Lyme Youth Theatre Company has chosen a play by Dorset writer Nell Leyshon and, having read the play myself, has chosen well I think.

The Beauty Manifesto, apart from questioning contemporary ideas of beauty, raises thoughts about conformity, peer pressure and rebellion, and will be staged at the Marine Theatre on the 6th, 9th, 10th, 12th and 13th of March. Thereafter the performance will be taken to the Bristol Old Vic, and performed on March the twenty ninth, together with one or two other productions.

Then, if they are selected, the doors of the National Theatre in London will open to them and the Lyme Regis local talent will have the chance to tread the boards in the capital. Exciting times indeed for the members of the Lyme Youth Theatre Company!

The dates of the production at the Marine are as follows:- Sunday March 6th at 5pm for preview, tickets £3.50. Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th, 7.30pm tickets £5. Sunday 13th March 5pm., tickets £5. Box Office: Lyme Regis TIC, telephone 01297 442138.

Saturday 12th March Gala performance and Reception. Tickets £15. For tickets, telephone Polly Benfield 01297 446066.

New courses of family history planned

FAMILY History courses have been running in Bridport for the past ten years and a variety of courses are planned starting in February from beginners to advanced research, so there is something for everyone.

Over the years a group of very successful researchers have developed and new courses are always on offer in which internet access and a huge research library is available for students to access.

The tutor, Jane Ferentzi-Sheppard is organising a coach trip to London on Friday February 25th either to visit the National Archives at Kew or the 'Who do you think you are?' Family History Fair at Olympia. Cost is £24.00 and the coach will pick up in Weymouth 5.30am, Bridport 6.00am and Dorchester 6.30am. For more information contact Jane direct on 01308 425710.

Further details about courses can be collected from the Local History Centre, Gundry Lane, Bridport Library, The Book Shop, Bridport Tourist Information or from Jane on 01038 425710.

Photographing Maritime Lyme

PROFESSIONAL photographers Maisie Hill and Peter Wiles are getting together in March to offer a day workshop in photography. As part of Maritime Lyme 2011 the aim is to capture the many subjects that Lyme Regis offers such as the Cobb, the Harbour as well as the main beach and Monmouth beach.

The day, which is also a Lyme Regis ArtsFest event, will provide an opportunity for photographers to develop their skills supported by advice, suggestions and discussion with Maisie, Peter and the rest of the group.

Maisie commented "Lyme Regis is always an inspirational location for photography. The combination of the sea, the weather and the light means that it always has a different feel. I especially enjoy looking for the details of shape and form that others may overlook, as well as keeping a lookout for various activities that go on."

The day costs £20 and takes place on Saturday, March 19th, based at the RNLI Lifeboat Station. For information and bookings contact Maisie on 01297 443069, or Peter by emailing peter@lymescapes.co.uk

Poetry for Pleasure

by Frank McGarry

IN case you need a reminder, next Sunday is St. Valentine's Day, so don't forget that card for your sweetheart. If you are really trying to impress then you might even be saying it with flowers or with a flowery love poem – like this one by the American artist Robert Sexton.

FOR NOW AND EVER

There is no moment of my life
When you are not a part of me:
You hold my heart; you guard my soul;
You guide my dreams so tenderly.
And if my will might be done,
And all I long for could come true,
With perfect joy I would choose
To share eternity with you.

This St. Valentine verse was submitted by Colyton reader, Richard Land.

LOVE ON THE COBB

The couple met upon the Cobb
She was called Jen, his name was Rob
She'd been to swim, he'd been to fish
She was, he thought, a genuine dish.

She'd had no love, was in a funk,
But had she found her handsome hunk?
Just at that time a giant wave struck,
Were Rob and Jen just out of luck?

Would stormy waves destroy a love
So newly found, Oh Heavens above!
But no, bold Rob puts out a hand
And brings Jen safely back to land.

Out of the swirling, foaming brine
Thanks to the good St. Valentine
Two, now true, lovers do entwine.

For our final poem this week, we are obliged to a 17th Century New England Puritan. Anne Bradstreet (1612-1672) was important in the history of American Literature because she was the first American poet and the first woman to have a book published in the United States.

As we are now in the depths of a cold winter and a harsh economic storm, the words that Anne wrote 350 years ago are particularly apposite, "If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." We don't know whether Anne wrote this verse for St. Valentine's Day – but we can pretend that she did.

TO MY DEAR AND LOVING HUSBAND

If ever two were one then surely we.
If ever man were loved by wife, then thee;
If ever wife were happy in a man,
Compare with me, ye women, if you can.
I prize thy love more than whole mines of gold
Or all the riches that the East doth hold.
My love is such that rivers cannot quench,
Nor aught but love from thee give recompense.
Thy love is such I can no way repay,
The heavens reward thee manifold, I pray.
Then while we live, in love let's so persevere
That when we live no more, we may live ever.

● If you have a short poem of your own that you would like to share with our readers please send it to: Poetry for Pleasure, Lyme Media & Events Ltd, St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3QF. Or e-mail it to us at: pemedia@pemedia.co.uk

Bridport Leisure Centre joins national award scheme recognising the best health clubs in the country

BRIDPORT Leisure Centre has joined the Health Club Awards which recognises the best value clubs based on research conducted through members around the country.

The scheme measures the quality of customer service and facilities provided by clubs by asking customers to rate the clubs they are members of.

As Simon Brown, MD of Awards for Business who own and run the scheme explains "Belonging to a good club is a rewarding experience. Members probably spend more time there than they realise and it's become an integral part of their lifestyle. Providing them with a haven from their frantic day to day existence and at the same time helping them to tackle life in a healthier, more productive way.

"For the club it's not easy to get every aspect just right. It requires a lot of hard work and a belief that members should have a rewarding experience every time they visit.

"Through the Health Club Awards we will find out which clubs are providing the most rewarding member experience. We will recognise those clubs for their excellence and ultimately find out which are providing the best experience and membership value across the country."

All Members will have have to do is to complete the brief questionnaire either at the centre or online at healthclubawards.com then once completed their name will be entered into a draw giving them the chance to win fantastic prizes –

- £1000 worth of Sport Equipment and clothing of their choice
- 3 month Price for Life Membership at Bridport Leisure Centre

Lin Hill, Membership and Marketing Co-ordinator at Bridport Leisure Centre said "We are very proud of the level of service we provide all our members. We believe we offer excellent value for money and this scheme is a great way to prove it."

The Marine Theatre hosts second Just Fair Laughs comedy night

THE second Just Fair Laughs comedy night takes place at the Marine Theatre on Saturday, February 19th, headlined by up-and-coming Cornish comic Paul Kerensa.

HEADLINER
Paul Kerensa

Paul Kerensa

Establishing himself as one of British comedy's leading young talents, both as a writer and a comedian, Paul Kerensa has, in just a few short years, become a regular at the UK's biggest venues, and a popular and reliable headline act.

Still only in his late twenties, Paul has battled both prejudice and apathy, and emerged to win ITV's 'Take The Mike' stand-up competition in 2002. In the same year, he appeared in four new act finals at the Edinburgh Festival, including the televised BBC New Comedy Awards.

He writes for various sitcoms, including BBC1 hits Not Going Out and After You've Gone, as well as sketch shows such as Dead Ringers, ITV's CGI UK and BBC3's The Wrong Door. He was awarded the Titheridge Prize as BBC Radio Entertainment's in-house comedy writer, and has also written for The News Quiz, The Now Show, and countless others.

Pat Gallagher

Pat is a Birmingham born comic who lives in the Forest of Dean and is recognsied as one of the best comperes in comedy today. He says that for principally one reason only, he loves a good argument. Pat has headlined from Plymouth to Bahrain, as well as numerous festivals, including playing as support for Wil Hodgson at the ancient order of druids largest gathering in Wales. Now in his sixth year of performing stand up, one thing is for sure he won't be going away in a hurry.

Tony Vino (MC)

Lancashire's very own funnyman. Tony Vino has been touring the comedy scene since early 2005. He mixes friendly well thought out observational humour with audience interaction and quick witted responses. A finalist in 2006 Funny Bones competition, Tony has enjoyed recognition as a comedian and comedy compere of renown. His life and interests are wide ranging and so is the subject matter he weaves together on stage.

Tickets for the Just Fair Laughs show cost £10, £6.50 (full time education) and £30 for a family ticket, and can be booked from the box office at Lyme Regis TIC on 01297 442138 or online at www.marinethatre.com.

There is also a fantastic opportunity for all budding comedians to attend a comedy workshop by Tony Vino at the Marine Theatre from 2-4pm on the day. Places are limited so call to book - places cost £10.

Lyme Bay Deanery Choirs Festival this weekend

THE annual Lyme Bay Deanery Choirs Festival will be held in the church of St Michael the Archangel, Lyme Regis at 5.00pm on Saturday, February 12th. The service of Choral Evensong (BCP) will be sung by approximately 50 singers from Lyme Regis, Beaminster, Charmouth, Bothenhampton and Bridport. They will be directed by Nigel Groome who is a Royal School of Church Music Adviser.

The Royal School of Church Music has recently bestowed the prestigious award of Associate of the Royal School of Church Music on Nigel. The honorary award is in recognition of the national importance of his work with the RSCM. Nigel has directed choir festivals in the UK, Europe and the USA. He has given organ recitals St. Paul's, St. Asaph, Southwark, Portsmouth, Sheffield, Westminster, Truro, Winchester and Salisbury Cathedrals, Shrewsbury and Westminster Abbeys, and Christchurch Priory. He has made a recording of the Organ at Beckenham Parish Church on the CTRS label.

The preacher at the Festival will be the Golden Cap Team Rector, the Reverend Stephen Skinner and the organist Alex Davies. The service will include music by C. V. Stanford, H. Brewer and R. Lloyd.

View 2 Cinema

THIS WEEK'S NEW RELEASES

GNOMEO AND JULIET U

DISNEY'S latest animated offering comes in the form of Gnomeo and Juliet (available in 3D in certain cinemas).

Garden gnomes Gnomeo (voiced by James McAvoy) and Juliet (voicedby Emily Blunt) have as many obstacles to overcome as their quasi namesakes when they are caught up in a feud between neighbors. But with plastic pink flamingos and lawnmower races in the mix, can this young couple find lasting happiness?

The film include an incredible list of vocal talents including Michael Caine, Matt Lucas, Jason Statham, Ozzy Osborne, Patrick Stewart, Julie Walters and Hulk Hogan.

JUST GO WITH IT 12A

DANNY (Adam Sandler) is a successful plastic surgeon who pretends to be unhappily married to get women. When he finally meets a girl (Brooklyn Decker) he believes to be the woman of his dreams, he doesn't use his method on her, but she soon finds the wedding band he uses. Afraid of telling her the truth, he tells her he's getting a divorce, to which she requests to meet his soon-to-be ex. He asks his office manager Katherine (Jennifer Aniston) to pose as his wife in order to prove his story, but one lie turns into another that brings Katherine's children into his scheme, resulting in a trip to Hawaii that will change all their lives.

NEVER LET ME GO 12A

AS children, Ruth (Keira Knightley), Kathy (Carey Mulligan) and Tommy (Andrew Garfield), spend their childhood at a seemingly idyllic English boarding school. As they grow into young adults, they find that they have to come to terms with the strength of the love they feel for each other, while preparing themselves for the haunting reality that awaits them.

YOGI BEAR PG

CGI meets live action and 3D in this modern story of the iconic Yogi Bear.

Jellystone Park is celebrating its 100th anniversary, however it may be for the last time, because attendance is down and Mayor Brown wants to close the park and sell the land. If the park is closed, Yogi Bear (voiced by Dan Ayckroyd) and Boo Boo (voiced Justin Timberlake) will lose their home. They join forces with Ranger Smith to save Jellystone from closing forever. Yogi must really prove in this endeavor that he is "smarter than the average bear"

CINEMA LISTINGS

Friday, February 11th - Thursday, February 17th

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Black Swan 15
Daily: 20.00, Plus Wed: 15.00
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The King's Speech 12A
Fri-Wed: 20.20, Plus Mon: 14.00
Sanctum *in 3D* 15
Sat & Sun: 12.00, Wed: 14.00
A Little Bit Of Heaven 12A
Daily: 20.25, Plus Mon&Wed: 14.15
Never Let Me Go 12A
Daily: 16.10, 18.25, 20.45
Plus Sat, Sun, Mon, Wed: 13.45
Gnomeo & Juliet *in 3D* U
Daily: 16.15, 18.15
Plus Sat & Sun: 14.05
Yogi Bear PG
Daily: 16.30, 18.15
Plus Sat & Sun: 16.15

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Tangled *in 2D* PG
Sat & Sun: 11.15, 13.45
The Fighter 15
Daily: 16.40, 19.40
Plus Fri, Mon, Tue: 19.40
James Cameron's Sanctum *in 3D* 15 Daily: 20.45
The King's Speech 12A
Daily: 15.00, 17.40, 20.15
Black Swan 15
Fri, Sat: 14.20, 17.00, 19.50
Sun: 11.45, 14.20, 17.00, 19.50
Mon-Thu: 19.50
The Mechanic 15 Fri-Sun: 20.40
No Strings Attached 15
Mon: 20.30
Paul 15 Mon: 14.50, 17.10, 19.30, Tue-Thu: 14.50, 17.10, 19.30, 20.30
Ghost 12A Mon: 13.10, 20.40
Big Momma's House: Like Father Like Son 12A Wed & Thu: 16.45
Never Let Me Go 15
Daily: 13.50, 16.10, 18.30, 20.50
Plus Sun: 11.30
Gnomeo and Juliet *in 3D* U
Daily: 16.00, 18.20
Plus Sat & Sun: 11.00
Just Go With It 12A
Daily: 15.00, 17.40, 20.20
Plus Sat & Sun: 12.20
True Grit 15
Daily: 15.00, 17.30, 20.00
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Yogi Bear *in 3D* U
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Sat & Sun: 11.45, 14.00, 16.15, 18.30, Mon: 16.00, 18.30
Gnomeo and Juliet *in 2D* U
Daily: 13.40, Plus Sat: 11.40
Yogi Bear *in 2D* U
Sat & Sun: 11.00, 13.00
Alpha and Omega U Sat: 10.20
Diary Of A Wimpy Kid PG
Sat: 10.00
Marmaduke U Sat: 10.10

YOUNG TRAINEE CREW WANTED FOR THE TALL SHIP PELICAN

WEYMOUTH is very lucky to be the home port for the Tall Ship Pelican. The ship is dedicated to youth development and offers a perfect local opportunity for young people to really get involved in this fascinating project. The square rigged sailing ship sails 1000's of miles each year with its crew of young people and the young at heart, offering challenging voyages for people of all ages from 15 to 80. The permanent crew are always on hand to guide trainees, therefore no previous sailing experience is necessary for prospective crew – just energy and enthusiasm.

This year the first day sail will be on Saturday, April 2nd continuing with a selection of adventure voyages and day sails out of Weymouth and then to Ireland and the west coast of Scotland before joining the Tall Ships Races from Waterford, Ireland in July, then Greenock in Scotland including the Western Isles for the Cruise in Company and finally to Stavanger, Norway. A Transatlantic voyage in September is planned and the crew are currently in talks locally about a significant role in the 2012 Olympics".

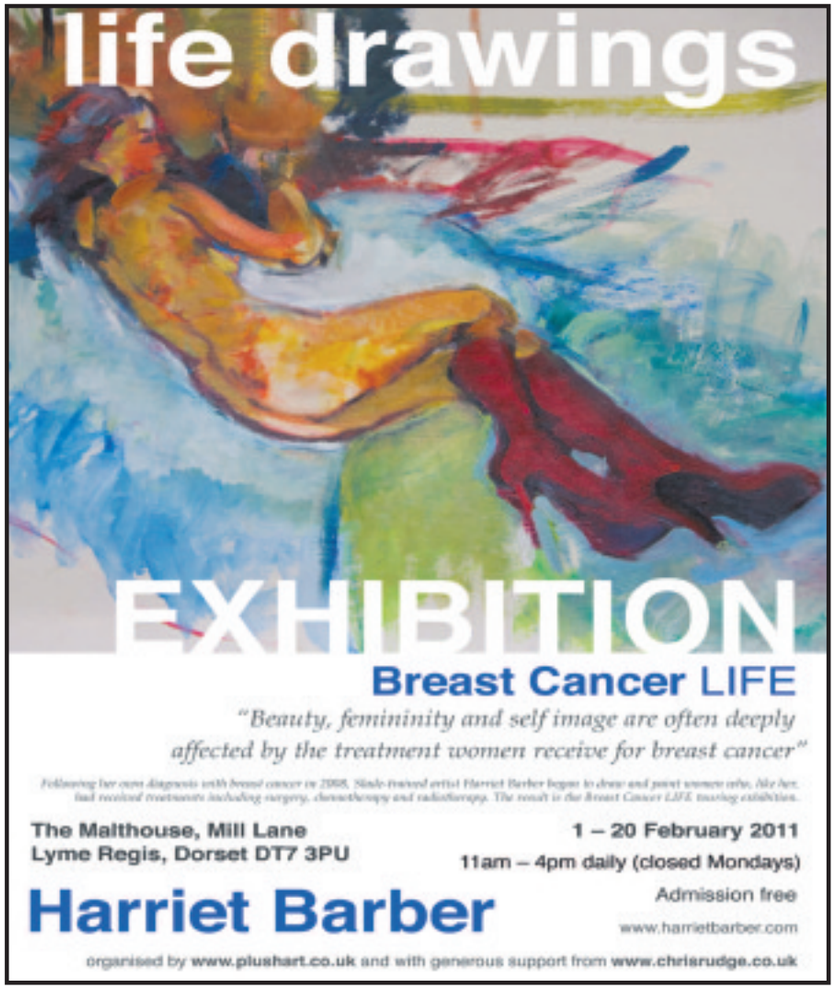
The Pelican is currently seeking a number of young adults from the local area to embark upon a Youth Sailing Adventure of a lifetime by taking part in The International Tall Ships Races 2011. The Tall Ship Race is an International Youth Sailing Festival organised by Sail Training International, www.sailtraininginternational.org. This festival will see Square Rigged and Sail Training Ships from all over the world merging to bring together communities of international youth from all over the world. This event encourages international friendships and understanding and a competitive spirit as the ships race between each port. Pelican has a good reputation of being very competitive in these races which provides an experience that young trainees will never forget.

Education and Marketing Officer Ben (David) Swain said : "We are delighted that we can offer this fantastic opportunity to local young people. We need to select a great bunch of young sail trainees who will definitely get so much out of this experience. Anyone interested should attend our open day to find out more about the cost of the voyage and how to start raising funds to enable them to get on board for an adventure they will never forget"

The Ship will be holding Open Days on Saturday 12th and Sunday, February 13th between the hours of 11am and 3pm on board the Pelican which is berthed adjacent to the Pavilion Theatre in Weymouth Harbour. Numbers will be limited to 30 per day, so bookings are essential. The itinerary for the day will commence with a general introduction by Chief Executive Officer, Richard Gilmore, followed by a 'meet the permanent crew' session and lunch. Full details of all the youth training voyages will be given including the voyage map for the Tall Ships Races and help and guidance concerning fundraising and applications for bursaries and other support. Places are limited so please book now to secure a place.

If you are interested in attending one of the Open Days please get in touch with Rose Robson at the Pelican Office 01305 839476 or email pelicanllp@btconnect.com. More details can be found at www.adventureundersail.com

Local girls form part last year's successful trainee crew with Captain and ship owner Rose



Andy Grant Trio album launch in Dorchester

THE Andy Grant Trio are set to launch their new recording 'Champagne on Beer Budget' at Dorchester Arts Centre on Feb 11th 2011. The world wide online release comes days later, but the Arts Centre gig will be the first chance for fans of the group to get their hands on the new recording.

The album features Andy's hook laden song writing, stunning guitar work and distinctive vocals, superbly supported by Simon Rushbrook on double bass and Lee Miller on drums. Sensitive engineering by Tom Hughes brings the rich, acoustic warmth of the instruments to life, and adds the very welcome addition of Hammond Organ and Mellotron to several tracks.

Formed in Dorset in 2008 to tour Andy's solo album 'Hole in The Sky', the Trio's sound takes in elements of Blues, Rock, Jazz and Folk and recombines them in a punchy acoustic setting. The songs have instant appeal, delivering good time music with great feel and no boundaries.

The Andy Grant Trio | Andy Grant (left), Simon Rushbrook (centre) and Lee Miller (right)

Andy Grant Trio are playing tour dates across the south of England in 2011. Both the tour and the album are eagerly anticipated following the esteemed praise directed at Andy's solo career – 'Champagne on Beer Budget' is certain not to disappoint. For further information, visit www.andygrant.net.

Tickets cost £9 Conc. £7 and are available from the box office on 01305 266926

Sophie Smith to play Bridport Arts Centre Jazz Café

FOLLOWING their sold-out Jazz Café night in January, Bridport Arts Centre is proud to announce that Sophie Smith will be performing at the next event on Friday, February 11th at 8pm.

Sophie's sound is soulful and modern, yet influenced by great jazz singers such as Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan, and containing all the emotional intensity of Billie Holliday.

Sophie began her musical career on the stage, performing in shows since a young child. It was while at university, however, studying drama and dance that Sophie first went for singing lessons with renowned Birmingham-based singer, Sara Colman, and caught the bug for jazz. So eager was her appetite for this style of music that she then went on to complete a masters degree in jazz studies at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

The great British jazz saxophonist Alan Barnes says: 'Sophie's peerless sense of swing, her phrasing and her harmonic awareness move her into the category of a great jazz singer- a very rare breed.'

Bridport Arts Centre director, Polly Gifford said: 'Taking place in the intimate setting of the Art Garden Café, the jazz café offers some soulful songs and we encourage the audience to bring an instrument and join in for a short jam session as part of the evening.'

Admission is £7, tickets are available from the Box Office in advance on 01308 424 204.

Sophie Smith

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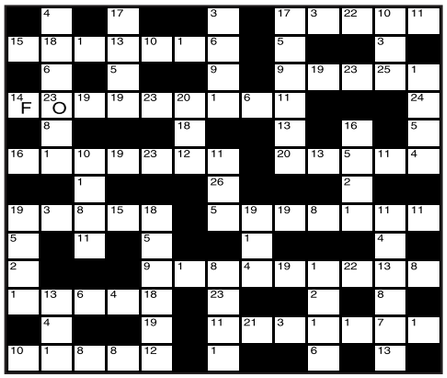
Brain Gym No.103

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Prescience is indispensable to the marksman (9)
8. A bit of relaxation, apparently (3)
9. Pledging oneself to dispose of the body (11)
11. It is put down after offer is revised - that's fine (7)
12 & 17Ac. Openings for the theatrically inclined (5-5)
13. It's used by the sportsman and makes a noise (6)
15. Although shelled, they take their time in moving (6)
17. See 12 Across.
18. About unbroken echo (7)
20. Disposition by one who makes a score (11)
22. Many letters of thanks, initially (3)
23. They may have seconds to fight (9)

Down

2. Admit to a bit of narrowness (3)
3. Rushing movement - the operator needs to get on! (5)
4. Big men stagin' a different presentation (6)
5. Makes sure gear measures up to personal specifications (5,2)
6. A man will be thankful not to show this (11)
7. Downtrodden - minor operation strongly urged (9)
10. Board members show the way to make a speech (11)
11. Precautionary exercise could be boring when it's very hot (4-5)
14. Made certain the user is put right in the finish (7)
16. The ape needs eastern fruit (6)
19. See 21 Down.
21 & 19Dn. This holds the fruit - it may be put in crackers! (3-5)

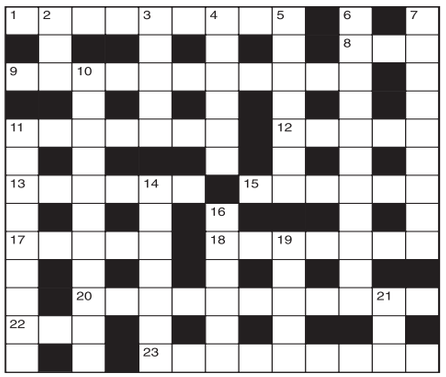
Quick Clues:

Across

1. Engaged (9)
8. Tune (3)
9. Ping-pong (5-6)
11. Dead body (7)
12. Banishment (5)
13. Like better (6)
15. Young swan (6)
17. Outcome (5)
18. Followed (7)
20. U.S. gorge (5,6)
22. Beverage (3)
23. Free from blame (9)

Down

2. Epoch (3)
3. Musical drama (5)
4. Took notice (6)
5. Thickly (7)
6. Religious drama (7,4)
7. Defended (9)
10. Twisted sweetmeat (6,5)
11. Charm (9)
14. Lift (7)
16. Artist's workroom (6)
19. Astonish (5)
21. Choose (3)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Flying leap; 7 Voice; 8 Liven up; 10 Residual; 11 Isle; 13 Gaming; 15 Grease; 17 Oust; 18 Clear out; 21 Trips up; 22 Henna; 23 Be prepared. Down: 1 Fairs; 2 Yielding; 3 Nilgai; 4 Live; 5 Amnesia; 6 Average out; 9 Present-day; 12 Breather; 14 Massive; 16 Slip up; 19 Owned; 20 Tsar. QUICK - Across: 1 Rendezvous; 7 Ounce; 8 Shorten; 10 Bewilder; 11 View; 13 Assess; 15 Hidden; 17 Idle; 18 Rebuttal; 21 Genuine; 22 Again; 23 Settlement. Down: 1 Renew; 2 Needless; 3 Easier; 4 Viol; 5 Untried; 6 Forbearing; 9 New England; 12 Simulate; 14 Silence; 16 Serene; 19 Trait; 20 List.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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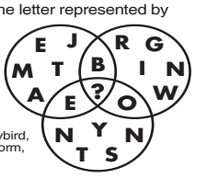
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
The letter represented by the question mark is L. Ladybird, Greenfly, Silkworm, all insects.

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The Harbour Inn fires up the Heat

Before now (on many occasions), the most important lady in my life on Valentines Day has been my mother. Not only because she brought me, and my two industrious sized brothers kicking and screaming into this world, but also due to the fact that she has her birthday on St Valentines Day.

This year will be no different! (Queue the Violins…)

In fact, this February I will have been with my better half for a strong 5 months and things couldn't be better. She is however a Nurse who takes care of newborn babies in Exeter so has to divide her time up with seeing me and saving lives. The fact she has to work this Valentines means I get to spend it again with dear old Mum again.

Because we are unable to see each other on Monday evening we decided to pop out for dinner a week early to celebrate the occasion and wisely chose the Harbour Inn, Lyme Regis for a special Valentines evening together.

Just In case you have not been lucky enough to dine at this superb Harbour side restaurant, here is the low-down. It is a thriving family-run business on the sea-front at Lyme Regis offering an extensive wine list, full flavoured coffee, well stocked bar serving local ales and ciders, and a fantastic selection of menu's and specials boards which are frequently updated. It's idyllic location offers seaside views along the World Heritage Jurassic Coastline and on sunny days you can sit and dine alfresco style in the private dining area on

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OUT IN WEST DORSET This month:

This February for Romantic Dining

by Fred Thomson

the beach and watch the boats leave the harbour. There is also a lovely balcony area overlooking the beach that even as the cool evening air draws in can be heated so you can enjoy these views at dusk.

On our special evening we were pleasantly seated in the air-conditioned Restaurant area behind the bar and served our drinks whilst we checked through the various evening menus. My Girlfriend chose the filo wrapped Tiger Prawns served with sweet chilli dipping Sauce and I went for the Duck Liver, Red Wine and Bacon Pate with Apple and Thyme Chutney to start then to follow we opted for a trio of fish with leek, safron and mussel sauce with potatoes and vegetables and I had the Slow Roast Pork Belly on Bubble and squeak with cider gravy and vegetables on the side.

The food was absolutely delicious, it was clear that the finest, freshest, local ingredients had been sourced and it was home made wherever possible. We were so stuffed after the mains that we decided to share a treacle tart dessert and the presentation of even that was beautifully done. You can see from the photo's I took on the pages here that the presentation of the food at the Harbour Inn is up there with the best in the area.

The Harbour Inn has regular music events so keep an ear to the ground for when these are up and coming and also the fantastic paintings on all the walls in the Bar and Restaurant are all expertly done by the Daughter of the owner, Sue who works in the kitchen (pictured). Also the Harbour Inn has an extensive Cocktail list of which new specials will be added in time for Easter. I'm sure they will be 'eggciting' so watch this space. If you've not yet sorted your Valentines meal, what are you waiting for! Call 01297 442299 to book, or if you have, think about Mum (like I will be doing) and take her for a Mother's Day treat.

▲ Filo wrapped Tiger Prawns served with sweet chilli dipping Sauce

▲ Slow Roast Pork Belly on Bubble and squeak

▲ Sue serving up some culinary delights

▲ Trio of fish with leek, safron and mussel sauce

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10TH
DORCHESTER: 'The Chelsea Experience', a slidetalk by James Foster-Pegg of Poundbury Gardens on his award winning garden at Chelsea, developed with local schoolchildren in partnership with Dorchester Cereals. From 7.30 pm in Conference Room at Kingston Mauward College, Dorchester. For more details call 01305 772533.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11TH
BRIDPORT: Friend of the Earth West Dorset are sponsoring a public meeting at St Mary's Church Hall to discuss the Energy Security and Green Bill. The meeting will take place at 7.30pm. Speakers include Oliver Letwin MP and Liz Hutchins, Friends of the Earth Parliamentary Campaigner. For mroe details call 01935 891415 for more details.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 12TH
BRIDPORT: Valentine Coffee Morning with stalls at Bridport United Church, East Street from 10am - 12noon. In aid of Cancer Research UK. Telephone 01308 423037 for more details.
BRIDPORT: Talk by Tracey Smith - author of 'Rubbish Ideas' at St John Ambulance Hall, Rax Lane. Organised by Transition Town Bridport Zero Waste Group. From 7.30pm
LODERS: West Dorset Group - Somerset & Dorset Family History Society meet 2-4.30pm at Loders Village Hall.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13TH
DORCHESTER: Valentine's Fayre at Dorset County Museum from 10am - 3pm. Free entry. For more details visit www.vintagedorset.co.uk
UPWEY, WEYMOUTH: Antique, Collector and Craft Fair at Upwey and Broadway Memorial Hall. 9am - 4.30pm. Telephone 01305 824164 for more details.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH
BRIDPORT: Bridport Disabled Carers & Friends Club meet from 9am - 12noon at Kings House, Kings Street School, East Street. Wheelchair access and facilities. Tea and coffee. All welcome, handicraft activities, advice. Held every Tuesday. Telephone 01308 427819, 897364 or 421231 for more details.
MOSTERTON: Mosterton Gardening Club "Fuchsias throughout the year" at the Village Hall from 7.30pm. Telephone 01308 867354 for more details.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 16TH
WEYMOUTH: In Conversation with Chris Lonergan, Rock Guitarist at Weymouth Library from 7.30pm. Organised by Friends of Weymouth Library. Telephone 01305 750557 for more details.
NETHERBURY: Neil Lovesey of Picket Lane Nursery 'propogation' at the Village Hall from 2.30pm. Admission £2 to include refreshments. Organised by Netherbury Garden Club. Telephone 01308 488380 for more details.
WEYMOUTH: Public Meeting to formally establis the Thomas Fowell Buxton Society at St Augustine's Church Hall, Lodmoor Hill, Dorchester Road. From 2pm. Telephone 01305 782710 for more details.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17TH
BRIDPORT: Winter Blues Acoustic at the Electric Palace. Featuring Michael Roach, Bex Marshall, Stompin' Dave and Dave Saunders. Doors open 7pm, starts 8pm. Advance tickets £10 from Bridport TIC (Telephone 01308 424901 or visit www.stompinstore.com
DORCHESTER: The Great Crane Project on Somerset Levels. At St George's Hall, Fordington from 7.30pm. Organised by RSPB. Telephone 01305 265882 for more details.

THURS FEB 17TH, FRIDAY 18TH AND SATURDAY 19TH
BOTHENHAMPTON: Pantomime 'Treasure Island' by Jim Sperinck at the Village Hall. Doors open 7pm, for 7.30pm start. Adults 36, children £3 to include light supper and one glass of wine or fruit juice.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18TH
BROADMAYNE: Market at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the church). Raffle plants, books, jigsaws, cards, local pork, sausages and eggs, cakes and preserves, fair trade goods, cards and jewellery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. Proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For more details call 01305 853765.
EVERSHOT, DORCHESTER: Institute of Advanced Motorists Skill for Life programme, designed to make motorcyclists more skilled, confident , controlled and safe. Held at Southern Counties Leisure Centre from 7pm.
BRIDPORT: Transition Town Bridport Food Group meets in Beach and Barnicott (upstairs room) from 3pm. New members welcome.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19TH
BRIDPORT: Nearly New and Jumble Sale for Street Children of India from 10am at United Reform Church. Telephone 01308 459001 for more details.
SOUTH PERROTT, BEAMINSTER: Live music: 'UK Gold' from 9pm at the Coach and Horses. Telephone 01935 891270 for more details.
MARTINSTOWN: Jumble Sale, refreshments and raffle at Martinstown Village Hall from 2pm-4pm. Telephone 01305 889831 for more details.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND
BEAMINSTER: Talk: 'How British History Shaped our Furniture' speaker Tom Baldry. From 3.30pm at Beaminster Musuem. Admission £2.50, all are welcome. For further information call 01308 863577

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 23RD
UPLYME: Demonstration and Talk 'Working with Willow' Hurdles and garden structures with Great British Baskets. At Uplyme Village Hall from 7.30pm. Organised by Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society. Non members 32. Telephone 01297 444034 for more details.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24TH
EVERSHOT, DORCHESTER: Institute of Advanced Motorists Skill for Life programme, designed to make motorcyclists more skilled, confident , controlled and safe. Held at Southern Counties Leisure Centre from 7pm.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25TH
LYME REGIS: 'That's Entertainment' Quiz with James Coles at Lyme Regis Football Club, Charmouth Road. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Teams of up to 4, entry £2.50 each.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 28TH
BRIDPORT: Illustrated talk: 'Kingston Lacy and the Bankes Family' James Grasby, Curator (Interiors) National Trust Wessex. At 2.30pm at the United Church Hall. A Golden Cap Centre presentation. Members of the public welcome. Telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

THURSDAY MARCH 3RD
EVERSHOT, DORCHESTER: Institute of Advanced Motorists Skill for Life programme, designed to make motorcyclists more skilled, confident , controlled and safe. Held at Southern Counties Leisure Centre from 7pm.

FRIDAY MARCH 4TH
BRIDPORT: 'Hidden Dorset' with Colin Varndell at the WI Hall, North Street from 7.30pm. Telephone 01308 422286.
PRESTON, WEYMOUTH: Talk on 'Garden Birds' at the Preston Village Hall from 2.30pm. Telephone 01305 265882 for more details.

FRIDAY MARCH 11TH
BROADWINDSOR: An evening of rock music from *Dogs Without Collars* at the Comrades Hall. 7.30pm for 7.45pm start. Telephone 01308 868120 for more details.

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Very basic computer training

LOCAL business woman, Rachel Brown, has been teaching one to one "Very Basic Computer Training" to those who are still nervous or unsure about using their computer. Though a coincidence, it is a timely move as the local Community Learning Centre, The Yarn Barton Centre, is due to close at the end of February 2011.

Rachel offers a free initial meeting to discuss the requirements of the user then offers tailor-made lessons and provides a step-by-step guide relevant to the training received. Her fees are competitive and availability to train is very flexible.

Through experience and research, Rachel has noticed that there is still a large number of people, old and young, who are not able to do, what is seen to be, basic skills such as creating folders, opening email attachments and filing digital photographs. There is also a lot of people sceptical about using online shopping sites due to security worries or fear of ordering the wrong items.

One of Rachel's students says "I find Rachel explains things in a language that makes sense. She is very patient and understands exactly what I need to achieve. She sticks to what I need to know and acknowledges things that may be of use to me that I didn't know I could do. Her step-by-step guides are very useful after Rachel has left and I don't feel under pressure to retain all the information she has taught me at the time."

Rachel says "not everyone can use a computer but a lot of information given on standard computer courses is irrelevant to most people. My job is to put people at ease with their computers. I have a number of years experience in training basic computer skills and feel it is necessary now for people to be able to use their home P.Cs effectively"

For more information or to book an appointment with Rachel call 01308 861085 or 07779 593351

Computer training classes

Very Basic Computer Training

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- What can I find out on the internet?
- Can I use Skype?

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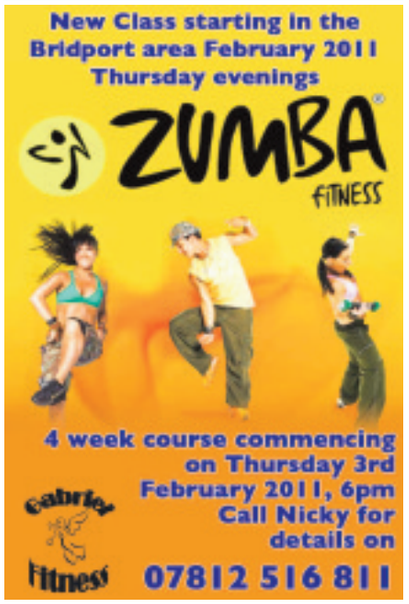

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AFTER weeks of refurbishment, The Palm House Cafe and Garden Centre re-opens for business on 11th February at 9.30am.

The historic Edwardian glasshouse has again been extended and improved by the owners, Nigel and Vicky Duff. The Palm House now boasts a fantastic new play area for Under-5's, extra seating, new plant displays and gift shop and coming shortly, a ceramic studio. There are also options to hire parts of the glasshouse for functions and even a cycle stop facility where bikes can be left safely on the premises, all day if necessary!

The Palm House have also increased the extent of the menu to include a genuine 'Homemade Range' incorporating fresh soup, scones and cakes to compliment the existing delicious breakfast and lunch menu. They also still offer their same great coffee, relaxed atmosphere and friendly service that is becoming more and more popular.

As Nigel says, " We have reinfored our family orientated ethos by offering a superb new play facility for small children so parents can relax whilst the children play in a safe and warm environment. There is no other facility like it in the area and we invite families and others to sample our hospitality and enjoy the unique atmosphere of The Palm House"

Open everyday, 9.30am to 5pm. Melcombe Regis Carpark, Commercial Rd, Weymouth. Tel: 01305 458089

Recycling with style

EVENT organiser, Rachel Brown, has re-launched her recycling and budget busting quest by holding a Fashion and Homewares sale on 12th February 2011 at the Sports Pavilion, Memorial Ground in Beaminster from 10.45am to 1.00pm.

This time last year, Rachel hosted a series of "Rail Sales" to encourage people to sell their clothing and accessories in a table sale environment but giving the ambience a sense of upmarket buying. This time, she is extending the sale to home items and even DVDs.

Rachel says "I find internet auction sites too time consuming and venturing to cold, wet car boot sales at 6am does not appeal if I am selling next to new items. I find this way of selling gives people a chance to make some extra cash during these very difficult times".

In the past, these recycling events have been very popular. Regular market traders and party plan businesses have also taken part giving the event a really good quality feel.

A previous seller said "the last two events I attended I made £80 each time. Every last detail was very well thought of. There was even the use of an iron and ironing board helping us to make the clothes we were selling look fabulous and very sellable. I have lost a lot of weight and had some beautiful, excellent quality, clothes to sell ranging from Monsoon to Jaeger. One of the benefits of the sale was being able to look around at what other people were selling and even swapping some items with each other. I will definitely book again".

Rachel goes on to explain "These sales can work fantastically well as fundraising opportunities within schools or other organisations. I am more than happy to discuss the options for fundraising to anyone who would like to host an event with a difference."

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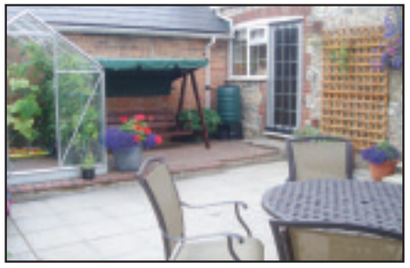

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FSB Rentals, the lettings department of Fortnam Smith and Banwell, team estate agent in Seaton, is delighted with its expansion over the last few months and is proud to manage more property for more clients than ever before.

The dedicated and highly efficient team is now headed up by manager, Sue Wallis. Previously a business owner/ manager and holiday lettings agent, Sue was introduced to Fortnam Smith and Banwell when she became a bank cashier at the Halifax branch in the FSB office. After redundancy in 2006, Sue accepted an invitation to join the FSB family and four years later, is thrilled with her promotion, from senior negotiator to rentals manager.

Senior negotiator, Louisa Merritt joined FSB Rentals in March 2010. Louisa worked in sales for three years then took a break to have children and more recently, owned a local retail business in the town. Having lived in Seaton all her life, Louisa has an excellent knowledge of the town and its properties and is working towards achieving the Technical Award in Residential Letting and Property Management qualification.

The newest member of the FSB Rentals team is negotiator, Lin Walkerdine, who joined in August 2010. A qualified company secretary, Lin has been a project manager for one of the largest housebuilders in the country and has experience in contract negotiation and property law as well as property rentals. Lin applied for a position with Fortnam Smith and Banwell as her family has bought and sold properties via the agency and its approach was always professional, friendly and helpful.

Lin's favourite part of the job is matching tenants with properties and seeing them enjoy their new homes, while Louisa particularly enjoys the day to day contact with people and thrives on the challenges that arise on a daily basis.

Sue said: "Lin, Louisa and I work extremely well as a team, offering help and support to each other in this very demanding job. We provide the best possible service with a rolling selection of properties for tenants and a choice of packages for our landlords, from a find-only level to a fully managed service with everything taken care of. The job can be challenging at times, but it is all worth it for the best part, which is seeing people settled and happy in their new homes."

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Left to Right: Louisa Merritt, Sue Wallis and Lin Walkerdine in the FSB Rentals office

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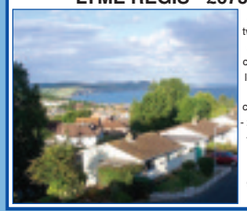

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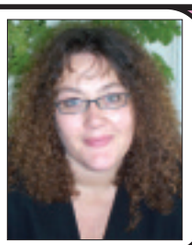

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LYME REGIS - £497,500

WOODHAM House is a substantial detached house with four good sized bedrooms. Built in 1986 it is situated on the western side of the town. The property enjoys attractive mature, south facing gardens and spacious living accommodation.

Lyme Regis is famed for its many historic connections and character buildings, and of course, for its well known Cobb Harbour. As a resort, it is considered quite unspoilt, but has most of the shops and amenities that one could require, in addition to which there are numerous leisure activities including both sailing and power boat clubs, a cliff top golf course and a bowling club. Locally there are primary schools in Lyme Regis and Uplyme along with the well respected Woodroffe and Colyton Grammar Schools.

Accommodation briefly comprises of: entrance porch, entrance hallway, study, large 'L' shaped living / dining room, conservatory with fitted blinds and two sets of double doors opening to the gardens, cloakroom, dual aspect kitchen with a door to the side of the property, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, three further bedrooms, shower room, double garage and a southerly facing gardens.

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Recently decorated to a high standard with no onward chain this very attractive property should be viewed internally to appreciate the benefits. Built in 1996 by Messrs Fry Builders the property is constructed of smooth Portland stone under a pitched and slate tiled roof.

Accommodation comrpises: porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen / diner, sun lounge, utility room, cloakroom, master bedroom with en suite shower room, two further bedrooms, bathroom, south facing rear garden, garage, garden room / workshop and views with cliff & sea glimpses.

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All walls are decorated in neutral colours giving a feeling of space and light.

The lounge has a high ceiling which extends into the roof in one part of the room and original stone with decoratively tiled floors. There is an original tiled frieze to one wall and the remainder are stone with wooden rafters to the arched ceiling.

The kitchen has a range of high quality kitchen units and appliances with a large dining area, with views and access to the gardens. A utility room with washing machine and tumble dryer is provided as an annexe to the house across a small courtyard.

The bathroom is located on the ground floor and furnished to a high specification.

One of the upstairs bedrooms is accessed via a stone spiral staircase.

The property has oil fired central heating throughout.

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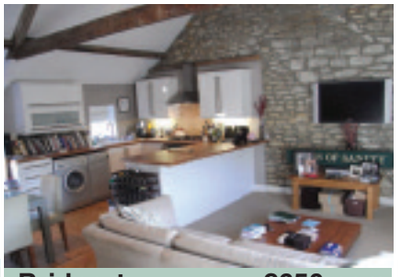

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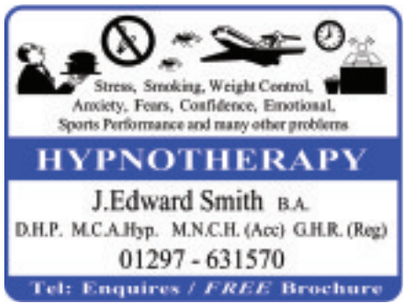

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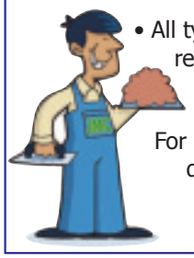

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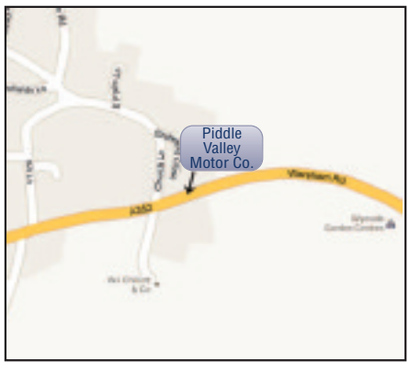

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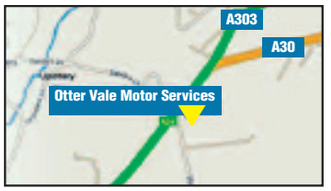

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Hitting a pothole can cause serious internal tyre damage, which may result in dangerous sidewall bulges, or result in cuts to the tyre which may expose cords, rendering it both dangerous and illegal.

It has been estimated that in 2010 there were 8,000 pot hole related claims to insurers and the early signs are that 2011 will exceed this due to the damage caused to roads during the freezing weather.

Local authorities are also facing pressure as to which roads they prioritise for repair due to cuts of up to 20 per cent in road maintenance budgets. According to the Local Government Association, Councils in England and Wales face a £165m funding gap to repair roads damaged by the winter weather.

Stuart Jackson, chairman, TyreSafe, comments: "Potholes can cause significant damage to wheels and tyres. It's therefore important for drivers to ensure their tyres are properly inflated to reduce any potential damage. If they do suffer the misfortune of hitting a pothole, drivers should make sure both their wheels and tyres are thoroughly inspected by a professional for signs of damage. This may occur in the form of cuts or bulges in the tyre or, as we have seen increasing cases of, hairline fractures appearing in alloy wheels.

"In fact, whatever time of year it is motorists should always check their tyre pressure at least once a month and especially if they are planning any long journeys."

Other effects of hitting a pothole include wheel misalignment. If there is significant misalignment the car may pull to one side or cause vibrations in the steering wheel which can be distracting and make the vehicle difficult to control. In less severe cases this can go unnoticed by the driver yet still result in increased or irregular tyre wear and higher fuel costs.

"Many garages and tyre dealers offer free tyre safety inspections for drivers. Properly equipped workshops can also perform some quick and simple checks to make sure the wheels are properly aligned," adds Stuart Jackson.

If motorists are unsure of the correct tyre pressure for their car, they can visit the TyreSafe website at www.tyresafe.organd enter their vehicle's registration details or by downloading the TyreSafe iPhone App. Alternatively, details can be found in the vehicle manufacturer's handbook, inside the fuel filler cap or on a sticker inside the driver's door sill.

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HAMWORTHY GO FIVE CLEAR AT TOP

■ Islanders sunk by 'Sports second-half fightback

DORSET PREMIER

Bridport Reserves 3 Blandford Utd 4
THE BEES had no way back after they shipped first-half strikes from Joe Wells (2) and Saul Bolton. Chris Herbst and Robin Jones reduced the arrears but John Elliott bagged what proved to be the winner and Carl Bulman's late strike was a mere consolation.

Cranborne 2 Sturminster Marshall 0
A BRACE from Ollie Hepworth gave Cranborne all three points from the visit of Sturminster Marshall.

Hamworthy Utd Res 1 Poole Borough 5
A LATE Jack Foster goal was all The Hammers had to show for their efforts after a crushing 5-1 defeat by visiting Poole Borough.

Hamworthy Rec 1 Merley Cob Spts 0
A SECOND-HALF goal from Mike Notley earned the 'Rec all three points and extended their lead at the top of the division to five points.

Holt United 2 Sherborne Town Res 4
GOALS from Sam Gallagher and Dave Molyneaux couldn't save Holt from going down 4-2 to a lively Sherborne outfit. Stuart Sweatman, Sam Jarman, Jordan Butler and Paul Dalmasso scored for the visitors.

Swanage & Herst 2 Sturm Newt Utd 0
SECOND-HALF goals from Ant Warrington and John Lovell gave the Swans victory in the basement battle with The Cherries.

Westland Sports 2 Portland Utd 1
AN early Adam Linaker strike was cancelled out by second-half goals from Sam Farthing and Haydon Binding but The Islanders remain third.

Weymouth FC Res 1 Parley Sports 2
A DOUBLE from Ben Bosley saw Sports end The Terras' unbeaten record. Richard Marshall struck a late consolation for the hosts.

Wincanton Town 3 Chickerell Utd 0
GOALS from Jordan Fletcher, Richard Leach and Tom Hatcher saw Witchampton emerge with all three points from their mid-table clash with Chickerell.

SENIOR LEAGUE

Okeford United increased their lead in pole position to seven points following their 1-0 success against their visitors from ***Witchampton United*** with goal coming from Mark Doble. This was the Witches fourth defeat and they slip down to eighth place.

With four wins out of four ***Weymouth Sports*** moved into the top two with a single goal success against their visitors from ***Bishops Caundle*** with their marksman being Chris Reader with a goal in the 41st minute.

Kingston Lacy moved back into the top three after their 3-1 win against their visitors from ***Gillingham Town*** with a hat trick from Grant Cormack.

Wareham Rangers slipped down to fourth place after they shared two goals and the points with their visitors from ***Tintinhull*** and on target for them was Alan Marsh,

Poole Borough moved out of the bottom three with a one nil win against their visitors from ***Swanage Town & Herston*** with their strike coming from Stephen Russell in the 89th minute. This was the Swans 13th defeat and they remain at the foot of the table.

DIVISION ONE

Piddletrenthide United moved three points clear in pole position following their 3-1 victory against their hosts ***Wool RBL*** with the Wool consolation goal coming from Dan Campbell-Bell

Poundbury Rover stay in third place after their 4-2 success against their hosts ***Sturminster Newton United Reserves***. The Sturminster consolation goals coming from Wayne Moussalli and Mariv Petrov.

The Kangaroos will be jumping all the way home from Blandford following their 5-3 victory against their hosts ***Blandford United Reserves*** and moved themselves out of the bottom three. The Royals Marksmen were William Johnson, S Haylock and D Haylock.

Bere Regis moved up into fifth place after their 5-1 win against their visitors from ***Wareham Rangers*** with strikes from Graeme Rose with a hat trick and one each for Dan Watts and John Sanders.

Shaftesbury won for the fourth time this season when they beat their visitors from ***Wincanton*** 2-0 with strikes from Richard Roff and Ade Adeniyl.

DIVISION TWO

Mere Town moved into pole position following their 6-0 success against their hosts ***Portesham***

Granby Rovers slipped down to second spot after they drew 3-3 against their hosts ***The Balti House*** with the Balti goals coming from Ross Walker, Dan Sanders and an own goal.

Fourth place side ***Milborne Sports*** returned from Corfe Castle with all the points after their 9-1 victory with their marksmen being Carl McClements with 4, a hat trick for Ricky Lane and one each for Simon Kibler and Ross Jones while netting for Corfe was James Heckford.

Sturminster Marshall stay in fifth place following their 4-2 victory against their visitors from ***Dorchester Sports*** with their marksmen being Paul Glenister with 3 and one from Steve Johnson.

Bridport shared two goals and the points with their visitors from ***Child Okeford*** with their goal coming from Adam Moss.

Weymouth Spartans moved out of the bottom two with a 2-0 win against their visitors from ***Lytchett Red Triangle*** with the strikes coming from Michael Flann and Tim Thorne.

DIVISION THREE

Corfe Mullen United maintained their four point lead in pole position following their 8-4 success against their visitors from ***Okeford United*** with their marksmen being Tobias Holmes with a hat trick, Steve Morris with a brace and one each for Daniel Flookes, Ed Bryant and a penalty conversion by Mike Hawes.

Gillingham Town stay in second sport after they beat third place side ***Stickland*** 4-2 with strikes from Dean Stokes with a brace and one each for Scott Waterman and Hatcher.

Donhead United won for the eighth time this season with a comfortable win against their visitors from ***Piddlehinton United*** 7-1 with their goals coming from Liam Samways with three, a brace for both Matthew Yetman and Lee Wallis .

Wyke Regis Social Club stay in the top five after they defeated their visitors from ***Cranborne*** 3-1 with goals from Adam Smart, Ismael Gonzalez and Garry Gamp while netting the Cranes consolation goal was Richard Hall.

Stalbridge played out a goal less draw with their visitors from ***Maiden Newton & Cattistock*** and stay in the bottom two.

DIVISION FOUR

Poole Link maintained their six point lead in pole position following their odd goal in three victory against their hosts ***Flight Refuelling*** with the Flights consolation goal coming from Dan Plumb.

Galaxcy Windows 3-1 success against their hosts ***Poundbury Rovers*** keeps them in second place with their goals coming from Shane Sheridan with a hat trick. while netting the Rovers consolation goal was Jamie Quinton.

Third place side ***FC Windowman*** drew 0-0 with their hosts ***Bishops Caundle*** but remain in that position.

Dorchester Castle moved up into the top five after they defeated their visitors ***Soccer FC*** 3-1 with strikes from John Clarke, Martin Rolfe and Zak Chennitt. While netting for Soccer was Paul Ellis.

Shaftesbury stay in the lower regions of the League despite their 4-2 victory against their visitors from ***Owermoigne*** with their goals coming from Simon Allen with a hat trick and one from Alan Ward.

DIVISION FIVE

Cerne Abbas won the top of the table clash against their hosts ***Littlemoor*** 5-3 to move six points clear in pole position. On target with consolation goals for Littlemoor were Leon Attree, Pete Bochonko and Patrick Kenner.

Galaxcy Windows maintained third place with an odd goal in three victory over their visitors ***AFC Blandford*** with goals from John Chester and Lee Chalk.

Fourth place ***Maiden Newton & Cattistock*** beat their visitors from ***Donhead*** 5-4 with their strikes coming from Adam Morris with four and one from Marcus Mearns.

Pimperne Sports moved up a place to sixth following their 3-1 success against their visitors ***The Wyke Workies*** with their marksmen being Martin Griffiths, Stefan Jenkins and Joe Chandler.

Dorchester Comminity Church gained their first points of the season when they defeated their hosts ***Milborne Sports*** 3-1.

SUNDAY LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

Harrys Sports Bar stay in pole position following their 8-0 success against their visitors from ***Flight Refuelling*** with their strikes coming from Richard Best with a hat trick, a brace for both Jay Birch and Adam Marsh and one for Ricky King.

Poole Wanderers stay in second spot after their odd goal in three victory over their hosts ***Broadstone Conservatives*** with their goals coming from father and son Paul and James Deem while netting the Conservatives consolation goal was Ryan Moore

The Springers Bars moved up into the top three after they defeated their hosts ***Upton FC*** 3-1 with the Upton goal coming from Dave Harris

Wallisdown Sports stay in sixth place after they defeated their hosts ***Bere Regis*** 6-1 with the Bere consolation goal coming from Nick White.

RESULTS

SATURDAY LEAGUE - PREMIER
Bridport Res 3 Blandford Utd 4
Cranborne 2 Sturm Marshall 0
Hamworthy Utd Res 1 Poole Boro 5
Hamworthy Res 1 Merley Cob Sports 0
Holt United 2 Sherborne Town Res 4
Swanage & Herstn 2 Sturm Newt Utd 0
Westland Spts 2 Portland Utd 1
Weymouth FC Res 1 Parley Spts 2
Wincanton 3 Chickerell Utd 0

SUNDAY LEAGUE
Bere Regis 1 Wallisdown Sports 6
Broadstone Cons 1Poole Wanderers 2
Harrys Sports Bar 8 Flight Refuelling 0
Upton FC 1 Springers Bar 3

FIXTURES

February 12th
DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE
Blandford Utd v Swanage & Herston
Parley Sports v Bridport Reserves
Poole Boro v Weymouth FC Reserves
Portland United v Cranborne
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GIRLS LEAGUES
Under 11s
Boscombe Alb v Bournem'th Poppies
Dorchester Town v Southside Angels

Under 12s
Boscombe Albion v Weymouth Terras
Dorch Magpies v Southsides Angels
Dorchester Raiders v Sturminster Newt

Under 13s
Boscombe Albion v Queen Bees
Weymouth Terras v Corfe Castle

Under 14s
Boscombe Albion v Poole Town Wessex
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Dorchester Town v Southside Angels
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Under 14 League Cup
Boscombe Alb v Poole Town Wessex
Rossgarth v Weymouth FC

February 13th
DORSET SUNDAY LEAGUE
Bere Regis v Upton FC
Flight Refuelling v Springers Bar
Harrys Sports Bar v Broadstone Cons
Poole Wanderers v Railway Hotal

GIRLS SUNDAY LEAGUE
Blandford United v Poole Town ladies
Branksome Utd v Dorchester Utd Ladies
Dorchester Utd Ladies v Queen Bees
Sturminster Newt Utd v Purbeck Ladies
Weymouth Ladies v Merley Cob Sports

DORSET MINI SUNDAY LEAGUES
Under 11s
Maiden Newton v Lytchett RT

Under 10s - SectionA
Blandford Utd Blues v Bournemouth Sp
Bridport v Weymouth FC
Chickerell United v Weymouth Cougars
Longfleet v Poole Town FC Wessex

Under 10s - Section B
BS Grange v Poole Borough
Heathlands v Brockenhurst
Lytchett RT v Boscombe Albion

Under 10s - Section C
Durweston v Wimborne Town
Poole Wessex v Blandford Utd reds
Sturminster Marshall v Bere Regis
Wareham Rangers v Wool & Winfrith

Under 9s - Section A
Blandford Utd v Poole Town FC Wessex
Wyke Regis Devils v Okeford United
Sturminster Marsh v Weymouth terras

Under 9s - Section B
Ringwood Town v Lytchett RT

Under 9s - Section C
Weymouth Cougars v Weymouth FC
Dorchester Raiders v Dorchester Stars

Under 9s Cup - Section A
Chickerell United v Dorchester Magpies
Dorchester Magpies v Dorchester Raid
Okeford United v Chickerell United
Weymouth FC v Dorchester Dynamos

Section B
Poole Borough v Portland United
Section C
Lytchett RT v Corfe Castle

Under 8s - Section A
Stalbridge v Blandford United

Section B
Poole Boro v Poole Town FC Wessex
Poole Town Wessex Colts v Greenfield
Sturminster Marshall v BS Grange
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Under 8s Additional Fixtures
Branksome Utd v Parkstone Heights
Ringwood Town v Bridport
Rossgarth v Dorchester Raiders
Wool & Winfrith v Chickerell United

Under 7s
Weymouth FC v Wareham Rangers
Wimborne Town v Merley Cob Spts
Portland United v Longfleet
Weymth Cougars v Poole Town Wessex

THE DORSET FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Hamworthy Res	20	17	2	1	52	53
Weymouth Res	19	15	3	1	47	48
Portland Utd	22	13	6	3	46	45
Holt Utd	21	13	3	5	21	42
Westland Sports	19	12	3	4	31	39
Sherborne Res	17	11	4	2	14	37
Sturm Marshall	21	10	4	7	7	34
Wincanton Town	21	9	1	11	3	28
Blandford Utd	23	8	4	11	-11	28
Parley Sports	21	7	4	10	-5	25
Chickerell Utd	21	8	1	12	-24	25
Merley Cob Sports*	21	8	2	11	2	23
Poole Borough	18	6	4	8	-2	22
Bridport Reserves	20	7	1	12	-10	22
Hamworthy Utd Res*	20	6	1	13	-32	16
Swanage & Herston*	20	3	4	13	-42	10
Cranborne*	20	3	1	16	-44	7
Sturm Newton	20	2	0	18	-53	6

(*Points adjusted)

SENIOR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Okeford Utd	14	10	3	1	8	33
Weymouth Sports	15	8	2	5	13	26
Kingston Lacy	15	8	2	5	2	26
Wareham Rangers	17	7	4	6	16	25
Bishops Caundle	13	7	3	3	13	24
Gillingham Res	15	7	2	6	8	23
Tintinhull	13	6	4	3	10	22
Witchampton Utd	13	6	3	4	4	21
Portland Utd Res	13	7	0	6	-3	21
Upwey & Broadwey	13	5	3	5	1	18
Poole Boro Res	17	4	3	10	-20	15
Stoupaine	12	4	1	7	-6	13
Chickerell Utd Res	12	2	2	8	-15	8

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Piddletrenthide Utd	13	9	3	1	29	30
Dorchester Borough	13	8	3	2	21	27
Poundbury Rovers	13	7	5	1	24	26
Blandford Utd Res	13	7	1	5	14	22
Bere Regis	11	6	3	2	13	21
Wincanton Res	15	6	2	7	-1	20
Shaftesbury Res	11	4	3	4	3	15
Kangaroos	12	4	2	6	-1	14
Wool RBL	12	3	3	6	-1	12
Sturm Newton Res	14	2	1	11	-50	7
Wareham Rangers Res	15	2	0	13	-51	6

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Mere Town	16	11	3	2	43	26
Granby Rovers	16	11	2	3	20	35
Balti House	13	8	2	3	11	26
Milborne Sports	17	7	3	7	17	24
Sturm Marshall Res	13	7	2	4	18	23
Bridport A*	13	6	5	2	17	20
Dorchester Sports	13	6	0	7	-7	18
Corfe Castle	13	4	3	6	-13	15
Lytchett RT	14	4	3	7	-22	15
Weymouth Spartans	16	4	2	10	-13	14
Child Okeford	13	3	3	7	-10	12
Portesham Utd	15	0	2	13	-61	2

DIVISION THREE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Corfe Mullen Utd	14	13	0	1	40	39
Gillingham A	14	11	2	1	28	35
Stickland Utd	14	9	1	4	26	28
Donhead Utd	14	8	1	5	25	25
Wyke Regis SC	11	7	0	4	9	21
Maiden Newt & Catt	11	4	4	3	-2	16
Piddlehinton Utd	12	5	0	7	-12	15
Okeford Utd Res	15	4	2	9	-19	14
Cranborne Res	15	3	3	9	-11	12
Witchampton Utd Res	13	4	0	9	-18	12
Swanage & Herston A	11	2	4	5	-18	10
Stalbridge	15	1	6	8	-24	9
Puddletown	13	1	5	7	-24	8

DIVISION FOUR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Poole Link	13	10	2	1	20	32
Galaxy Windows	15	7	5	3	15	26
FC Windowman	14	7	3	4	7	24
Flight Refuelling	15	7	1	7	3	22
Dorchester Castle	13	5	4	4	3	19
Soccer FC	12	5	3	4	7	18
Bishops Caundle Res	14	5	3	6	-4	18
Shaftesbury A	11	5	2	4	2	17
Owermoigne	13	4	1	8	-14	13
Poundbury Rovers Res	15	3	3	9	-13	12
Handley Sports	13	2	1	10	-26	7

DIVISION FIVE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Cerne Abbas	13	13	0	0	78	39
Littlemoor	13	11	0	2	42	33
Galaxy Windows Res	14	9	2	3	21	29
Maidn Newt & Cat Res	15	7	0	8	-21	21
AFC Blandford	11	6	1	4	11	19
Pimperne Sports	14	6	1	7	-19	19
Wyke Workies	14	5	2	7	-3	17
Donhead Utd Res	14	4	0	10	-21	12
Milborne Sports Res	13	2	0	11	-22	6
Dorch Comm Church	13	1	0	12	-66	3

SUNDAY LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Harry's Sports Bar	11	10	0	1	66	30
Poole Wanderers	14	9	0	5	14	27
Springers Bar	9	8	0	1	41	24
Broadstone Con	13	7	1	5	8	22
Upton FC	10	6	1	3	16	19
Wallisdown Sports	12	6	1	5	7	19
Flight Refeulling	14	4	3	7	-26	15
Bere Regis	13	4	1	8	-31	13
Railway Hotel	13	2	1	10	-30	7
Hamworthy Lab Club	13	1	0	12	-65	3

WEST DORSET FOOTBALL WITH STUART BROOM

FLOOD ENDS WIN FAMINE

DORCHESTER TOWN 1 WESTON-SUPER-MARE 0
Blue Square South - Attendance: 363
Saturday, February 5th

CHRIS FLOOD fired Dorchester Town to their first win of 2011 and increased manager Ashley Vickers determination to extend the Crawley Town players stay at the club.

The winger scored his second goal in three games to finally secure the Magpies first win in ten matches and help steer the county town away from the Blue Square Bet South relegation zone.

Vickers gave another loaned, Dan Thomas signed from AFC Bournemouth earlier in the week, his debut in place of Regan Coward whilst Doug Berggvist was named as a substitute.

The strong wind that blew from corner to corner of the pitch made good football difficult, but Weston, playing with the advantage almost scored in the sixth minute when Martin Slocombe's wind assisted corner struck the top of the bar.

Flood went closest for Dorchester in the first half with a header from Steve Devlin's centre that was just wide of the woodwork, before a knee injury forced Jamie Gleeson to be replaced by Neil Martin.

With the wind at their backs, Dorchester pressurised their visitors with a succession of corners with Kyle Critchell going close from two before Jamie Laird cleared a Gary Bowles effort off the line.

Flood won the game on 72 minutes when he curled the ball around the Weston defence into the bottom corner from a free-kick following a retake for encroachment.

The Seagulls raised their game in search of an equaliser, and Thomas was called into action to save from Jamie Price, but the Magpies held on to break their duck and earn a valuable three points.

Improving Magpies earn a point

DORCHESTER TOWN 1 CHELMSFORD CITY 1
Blue Square South - Attendance: 361

A MUCH improved performance saw Dorchester Town unlucky not to have taken all three points against high-flying Chelmsford City. The point however edged them a point clearer of the Blue Square Bet South danger area

With no win this year and only one point from their previous two home games in the last 12 days, manager Ashley Vickers who lambasted his side after the 3-3 draw with Welling was looking for his an improvement, and he got it with what he described as one the best displays of the season.

Chelmsford who included their transfer deadline signing, former Wimbledon, Southend United and Yeovil Town striker Wayne Gray, made the brighter start, and he had a half chance that missed the target.

However with their first attack the Magpies scored when Ryan Moss and loanee Chris Flood played a one-two before top-scorer Moss slotted the ball under Clarets' keeper James Pullen as he closed the angle down. Steve Devlin who had supplied the cross in the build up to the goal, then produced a typical thunderbolt that Pullen did well to stop.

Whilst Dorchester continued to have the better of the first-half, Chelmsford did threaten through Matthew Lock from the edge of the area and a thumping header from centre-half Adam Tann which crept wide. Flood retaliated with two efforts that just missed the target.

Robert Edmans pulled the Essex side level eight minutes after the break when Regan Coward could only parry the ball in an aerial dual with the giant Robert Edmans who reacted first as the ball ran loose to force it over the line. Despite protests from Dorchester the goal was allowed to stand.

With Gary Bowles showing what a good defender he is, and Nathan Walker both looking solid, Chelmsford could not find a way through the Magpies defence and could have snatched the three points they just about deserved. Jamie Gleeson just failed to connect with Moss' centre whilst Flood's curling effort was well held by Pullen, before the Claret's manager Glenn Pennyfather was sent to the stands after reacting to the crowd following comments made when Billy Bricknell was injured in what appeared an innocent fall.

Mark Jermyn and James Coutts both had chances in added time to win the points for Dorchester who edged a point nearer to safety.

Vickers was pleased with the whole team performance but picked out Bowles and Walker for a superb defensive display, and Gleeson and Coutts in midfield. "I felt we were the better team, created more chances and looked more threatening.

■ **WORTH A POINT**: Top-scorer Ryan Moss' 11th goal of the season helped Dorchester to a mid-week point against Chelmsford City.
Photo by STUART BROOM

Rolls calls for vote of confidence

WEYMOUTH Football Club chairman George Rolls has called for a vote of confidence by calling a general meeting to be held after tonight's home match against Didcot Town on February 24th.

The controversial chairman, fed up by criticism about changes he made to a non-profit document he signed last week, has called for the fans to make a decision whether they want him to continue at the club

Legg off as promotion hopes are hit

Devizes Town 1 Bridport 0
Toolstation Division One - Attendance: 115

A LACK-LUSTRE display saw Bridport slip to defeat at in-form Devizes Town on a day when they had the chance to gain ground on their rivals with leaders Merthyr crashing to defeat at home and Oldland Abbotonians only managing a draw at Almondsbury UWE.

A goal six minutes from half-time condemned the Bees to their fifth defeat of the season, allowing the Wiltshire side who with their tenth consecutive win has seen them close to within a point of Bridport albeit having played three games more.

Alan Hill and Shane Evans replaced the missing Ryan Hayer (work) and Chris Clarke who failed a fitness test on the dead leg he picked up at Keynsham, and despite playing against the wind, Bridport competed well for the first 35 minutes.

Chances were at a minimum, with Matt Condliffe's shot from an angle comfortably saved by Jamie Domm being the best of them.

Devises showed little either and the best chance prior to the goal was snuffed out by Dan Wise who chased back to clear the danger when the hosts for once pierced the solid Bees defence.

However on 39 minutes Bridport failed to pick up on a quickly taken throw in and Luke Quince crossed allowing Jason Lewis a free header to beat Sam Filkins.

Despite the advantage of the conditions after the interval, Bridport failed to break down the home defence well marshalled by Russell Gee, and the use of long-ball tactics as frustration set in played into Devizes hands.

Bridport's cause was not helped on 72 minutes when Russell Legg was red carded following a high tackle on Jake Walters. Wise did hit the outside of the near post from a corner but that was all Bridport could muster in a disappointing performance.

10-man Bees salvage second-half pride

BRIDPORT RESERVES 3 BLANDFORD UNITED 4

MANAGER Steve Crabb was left scratching his head after his side produced a Jekyll and Hyde performance at St Mary's Field last Saturday.

Having beaten then 4-0 just two weeks ago, Bridport found themselves 3-0 down and a player short after the first 45 minutes. However a change of personnel at the break saw the Bees produce a stirring second-half fight back before going down to the odd goal in seven.

Blandford punished Bridport for their slow start and took the lead on 15 minutes from a well struck free-kick and doubled the advantage when the Bees defence allowed a Blandford player to run across the penalty box before firing in the opposite corner.

Almost immediately Ben Clarke received a red card after he was brought down and the referee took his remarks to be personal and dismissed him for foul and abusive language.

To compound their disappointment Bridport conceded a third when the opposition were given a free header from a free-kick, although they were unlucky not to pull a goal back with two efforts just before the break.

Crabb and joint manager Mark Lock brought on Adam Steele and James Maidment for the start of the second-half, and the team were transformed.

Steele, making his way back after a long injury, was a revelation in midfield alongside the equally impressive Robin Jones, and slowly the Bees got back into the game.

Chris Herbst reduced the arrears from the penalty spot following a handball offence, before Jones slid in at the far post to convert Dom McAllister's cross.

It looked as if the ten men had drawn level through Steele, but his shot struck both posts from which Blandford broke upfield to increase their lead.

Carl Bulman gave his side hope with a third with seven minutes to go, and McAllister almost pulled them level with a good header that just slid past the post.

Crabb said: "It was disappointing having beaten them two weeks ago, but give them their due, we were slow out of the blocks and they took advantage. I think Ben Clarke was unlucky to be sent off; I think the ref thought his words were directed at him.

Future is bright for Bridport

BRIDPORT 1 CHILD OKEFORD 1

ONCE again Bridport made a slow start to the match and paid for it by conceding when the impressive James Legg put through his own goal; blasting the ball into his own net as he tried to turn a cross over his own crossbar.

The goal sparked Bridport into life and they began to find their game, and they equalised through Adam Moss who rounded off a good passing movement.

After the break the Bees stepped it up and took control of the game. Roger Cummings in his second game back had a goal disallowed for pushing, before Chris Symes missed a great opportunity to win all three points from the penalty spot following a handball, but his poor kick was saved.

Manager Jason Forbes said: "I don't know what it is but we seem to start slowly. There was no urgency and our passing was too slow. They were a mature, well organised and balanced side; better than when we played them away. We were much the better side in the second half but didn't create too much."

Forbes was pleased with his side's second-half display and the talent that he is nurturing through the third team as a platform to supplying players for the club's senior side.

"James Legg has been outstanding and our best player for a number of games and is ready to step up to the reserves as is Robin Jones. Tom Knott has now played a few games and is getting back to the kind of form that will get him promoted through the ranks, whilst Adam Moss is making a speedy recovery after such a long time out.

"All this augers well for the future of the club, and is exactly what the third team is here to do."

BRIDPORT U13 6 STURMINSTER MARSHALL 1

BRIDPORT under 13s continued their good run of form with a 6-1 victory at St Mary's against Sturminster Marshall. Goals from Joel Eckett (2), Liam Sayers (2), Owen Ward and Jon Paul Avery completed a comfortable victory.

The Under 13s have won four of the last five matches and are now 3rd in the table just a point off top spot. With eight games to go, and all their title contenders to play, the league title is wide open.

Buckler suffers second fatality

BOB Buckler's horse racing yard suffered the heartache of a second fatality in a month when ***Wild Tango*** collapsed and died at Chepstow on Friday.

The five-year-old was making his debut in the last race of the meeting, the digibet.com Standard Open NH Flat Race, when he lost touch and was pulled up by Andrew Glassonbury after 1 ¼ miles.

They started to canter back when he collapsed around two furlongs from the finish. It is believed that he burst an artery.

The tragedy follows the death of ***Ellie Wiggins*** at Towcester last month.

Buckler said:"We are obviously shocked by his death, and are still recovering from the loss of Ellie Wiggins. Whilst we are not sure of the exact reason, we believe it was a burst artery; there was no pulse after he collapsed."

The loss of a horse is one of the hazards and unpleasant sides of racing, but is normally a result of a fall; the yard's last fatality was ***Warlord*** who was brought down at Wincanton in March 2007.

There was more disappointment when his second horse at the same meeting, ***Power Lord,*** was pulled-up by Will Kennedy in the three mile Lindley Catering Novices' Hurdle, a decision that upset the Henley trainer.

The promising six-year-old was having his third run and had already finished third in testing conditions over the same distance at Towcester three weeks earlier, and Buckler is puzzled as to why the experienced Kennedy pulled him up, particularly as they then cantered home and only finished 50-yards behind the last horse.

"He was having his third run, which then qualifies him for a handicap, and he had shown from Towcester that he was capable of handling the ground so I saw no reason why Will pulled him up especially as he hacked home just behind the last horse. It's annoying as we have all the cost of running him again to get his handicap including the jockey's fee!"

There was disappointment too in the bumper at Wincanton on Thursday when both ***Quix*** and ***Champagne Rosie*** finished at the rear.

Buckler had no explanation for Quix, who after a promising third at Lingfield on his debut dug his heels in at the end of the straight first time and was soon tailed off.

"He just put the brakes on as he passed the stables for no apparent reason, so we will have to check out why," said a bemused Buckler.

Champagne Rosie had an encouraging debut at Exeter, but hung badly and was seriously hampered by a horse that fell and brought another down.

Buckler's only other runner ***Balyeagan*** was expected to go close at Towcester in the Bet In Play At Ladbrokes Handicap Chase after finishing second over the same course and distance three weeks earlier.

However he made an uncharacteristic jumping mistake at the tenth fence and pecked on landing and deposition his jockey Jack Sherwood on the ground from which he suffered a broken collarbone.

Stable jockey Nathan Sweeney resumes riding on Thursday following a 12-day ban for taking the wrong course at Huntingdon together with several other jockeys, when he rides ***Tiger Breeze*** at Taunton.

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BOB BOB RACING

Life after the racecourse

NOT every horse bred for racing achieves their goal, and many are retired by their trainer or owner due to a host of reasons.

Many receive injuries that force them to retire, whilst some just don't take to racing and are therefore not successful.

The result is that the horses are often adapted to go hunting, or sold on to the public for recreational riding, or in some cases are retrained for eventing or showing.

Two of Bob Buckler's horses found themselves in this position, and through the patience and hard work of two of his staff, they have started to make a name for themselves in alternative fields.

The popularity of retired racehorses has increased immensely in the last few years as they have become more widely recognised as incredibly versatile, well mannered and well bred horses that can excel in the show ring.

After a not too distinguished racing career, six-year-old ***Freedom Frix*** sustained a serious tendon injury in the eleventh race of his career at Newton Abbot in the summer of 2008.

It was doubtful if the horse would ever be able to be ridden again such was the severity of the injury, and so stable girl Adele Follett took him under her wing to nurse him back to health.

He spent the first year on box rest, initially only being led out for ten minutes a day.

A scan showed that the rest had repaired the injury enough to start more strenuous work and Adele began schooling him, then riding him on the flat and eventually over small jumps.

She started last year showing him at local shows in the Working Thoroughbred class which consists of jumping some rustic fences before completing a set of individual set displays in walking, trotting and canter.

This culminated in competing in the Dorset County Show at Dorchester in September where he won the class and has now qualified for the final at the Royal Windsor Show in May.

Adele said: "The success is not only down to me. I have had a lot of help from local specialists in certain aspects of the training who have helped both the horse and me, for which I am very grateful.

It is not only about the physical training of the horse, but you also need to prepare them psychologically.

"Not only has he been doing working thoroughbred classes at local shows, he has been show jumping and taking part in dressage competitions so therefore is becoming a versatile horse in different spheres.

"I would like to thank Bob for allowing me to have Freedom Frix, and for talking to all the syndicate members to allow this to happen.

So Wise So Young suffered from recurring niggling injuries and just like humans, horses also know when they have had enough, and he was retired in the summer of 2008 having been placed three times in seventeen starts.

"It was difficult as he couldn't stay sound, and eventually developed a back injury which put him off racing," said Alison Conroy who used to look after him in the yard and is now retraining him.

Much the same as Freedom Frix, he has had to adapt to a new life and now competes in the In Hand Class.

This is different from Working Thoroughbred as it involves all types of horses, not just ex-racehorses, but thoroughbred and show horses, and whilst requiring you to follow a similar set of disciplines, it does not include the jumping aspect.

Like Adele, they have been showing at local shows where the combination won the Chard Show, and they came fourth in their class at the Dorset County Show.

Alison said: "I think ex-racehorses generally have a better temperament and are more laid back than those that have been show jumping."

Both are members of the RoR (Retraining of Racehorses) which is British horseracing's official charity for the welfare of horses who have retired from racing.

■ **WINNING DUO**: Alison Conroy and So Wise So Young with the trophy for winning at the Chard Show.

■ **LEAPING**: Adele Follett aboard Freedom Frix on their way to winning at the Dorset County Show in September

Great support for Wildcats consortium

AN UNPRECEDENTED turnout of almost two hundred Wildcats supporters crammed into Doonans Sand and Gravel Yard in Weymouth of Saturday to show their support for the consortium led by Harold Doonan who are bidding to bring back the Wildcats from the brink of extinction.

Doonan informed the gathered supporters that despite attempts to contact the landlords of the Wessex Stadium site, which has included an offer of a rent payment in advance for the season, no contact has been forthcoming. "We are drawing a blank at the moment, if this year doesn't happen, hopefully next year. Or if in the meantime the Council can be good to us or a friendly farmer comes along and says we've got a field then hopefully we can all get together and put in our own track which would belong to us, and not to Mr Curtis."

The local businessman went on to say: "It was a wonderful turnout; We had people from Poole, Southampton, Bournemouth, Christchurch. We've had messages of support from all over the UK as well as Europe, Australia and even the States."

The long time supporter and sponsor of the Wildcats passed a petition for supporters present to sign, getting the ball rolling. He continued: "The consortium that I'm in are all prepared to put money in and don't want to make any money out of speedway.

"So with nobody looking to make a profit we are doing it purely for the love of speedway and the people of Weymouth. We don't know where we stand at the moment, all we need is a yes or, a no but they won't communicate!

"On 5th June 1950 the land was granted as a sports stadium and the structure of it has never been altered. We've offered to pay rent up front this year. We know he (Mr Curtis) has had his fingers burnt by other promoters not paying the rent but we are prepared to pay before we even start down there."

Concluding Doonan said to a massive round of applause: "I can assure you that I have done my utmost with my consortium to get speedway going here and we're still trying. Hopefully if he comes back and says yes you can have it, we then have to approach the BSPA for a licence and have a track inspection."

The latest news and updates can be found on the Wildcats website www.weymouthwildcats.co.uk

Relegation fight ahead

BEAMINSTER LADIES 0 POOLE 1

ON PAPER this match looked like a great chance for third bottom Beaminster to ease their relegation worries against bottom club Poole.

Last Saturday the East Dorset side had been thrashed 17-0 by league leaders Salisbury 2nds, and despite their lowly position Beaminster can think themselves unlucky to be there with some spirited performance.

However with Poole, who lost to second bottom Bournemouth 4th's 3-2 in midweek, strengthening their side with the inclusion of four players who it appears have not played for the club before, the game did not go to form, and Beaminster went down to a single goal scored midway through the second-half.

Already without Julia May who broke a finger last week, the hosts lost the experienced Emma Davies after just two minutes when she was hit in the face when the ball ricocheted off of a stick in a tackle, although she did return midway through the second period.

As a result, one of the youngest sides to have represented Beaminster just failed to keep their much more experienced opponents at bay despite a battling performance.

Three of the new Poole recruits controlled midfield, whilst the fourth proved a very speedy and effective sweeper, and consequently they controlled the majority of the match, with most of the action in the home half of the field.

The only goal came after the most concerted passage of pressure by Poole and they won the game with a shot that appeared to be deflected past keeper Rachel Andrews who had a fine game in goal making a number of good saves.

In the first-half Beaminster, despite the pressure, broke on three occasions but the attention of the fast recovering Poole sweeper meant Becky Early and Freyia Crawford were unable to get their shots away.

Becky Craddock worked tirelessly in defence whilst Harriet Hughes produced a superb performance in man-marking a much more experienced and larger player than her.

The result means both Bournemouth 4ths and Poole move level on eight points with Beaminster, although the West Dorset side's goal difference is far superior.

◆ *Team: Andrews; Hughes, S Davies, Spicer; Donovan, E Davies, White, Timbrell; Crawford, Early, Aplin*

I'm still pinching myself!

WORLD champion Paul Blake admits he still can't believe what he has achieved in winning a gold and two silver medals at the 2011 IPC Athletics World Championships in Christchurch recently.

Talking exclusively to ***View From Dorchester's*** *Stuart Broom*, he said: "I have to keep pinching myself that I am world champion, it's unbelievable!"

Blake, who turned 21 whilst in camp training in Auckland, took the gold in the T36 400m event and silver in both the 1500m and 800m, beaten each time by the world champion Russian Artem Arefyef.

The remarkable thing is that the Charlton Down athlete only realised his running potential 18 months ago, since when under the guidance of UK Athletics at Bath University he has developed into a potential triple gold medallist at next year's Olympic Games to be held in the UK.

This was Blake's international debut for GB and by far the biggest event he had competed in, and he spoke of his thoughts about the championships after returning home last week.

What were your thoughts going to the championships?

Funnily enough pre-boarding at Heathrow I was thinking what my mental preparations should be before the races. How I should run my races."

What was your assessment of your tactics and how the three races developed?

Although silver is really good I didn't lose the other races because of my fitness but because of my experience, and if the 400m had been my first race then I might have maybe got gold in the other two.

In the 400m, my last event, there were heats and I could assess my strategy with my coach on how I ran the first 200m and then the final 200 and what I had done wrong and right in the race.

"I kicked for home far too soon in the 1500m, which was just silly! I should have gone at 120m, but going so soon pretty well lost me the race. In the 800m I did the same, going with 200m to go instead of 120m, and again the Russian pulled away.

"In the 400m final I got it tactically perfect because it was windy going into the back straight and so I paced the race from the gun. My coach told me to go through 200 in around 27secs and I went through in something like 27.4 so I was pretty near perfect, and so I just gradually built it up from there."

Blake increased his lead in the home straight to win in a personal best of 56.93 secs, winning by over a second and leaving the Ukrainian world record holder Roman Pavlyk trailing in third. "I put on the after burners!" he quipped.

Blake had recorded the fastest time in the world this year for both the 1500m and 800m, although no one knew how well Arefyet had done as he had not posted any times.

With the fastest recorded times this year in the two longer distances you must have thought you had a chance of gold in those two?

No, to me it's not about rankings or about fastest times this year at all, it's about the race on the day, and he ran a better race on the day.

"I was hoping to have won gold of course, and with hindsight if I had known I had better leg speed than Arefyet I would have run my races differently. I wasn't aware of his speed before the 1500m and 800m races. After of course I knew, and so I thought yes, he hasn't got very good speed and I used that to my advantage in the 400m.

If the races had been run the other way around I would have left my challenge until much later and could have possibly won gold."

You went into the 400m as the fourth fastest so to win it was a bonus?

"I just went into the race with an open mind. I wasn't really expecting to get a medal so was really relaxed. I did well in the heats setting a championship record and winning by six seconds so I was feeling really good.

None of you ran to your best times in the three races. I guess this was down to the occasion and the adrenelin?

I think it was the conditions as well with the headwinds and the change in weather every couple of hours. One minute it would be blue skies, and the next raining and really windy.

When did you realise you had won gold and how did you feel as you crossed the line?

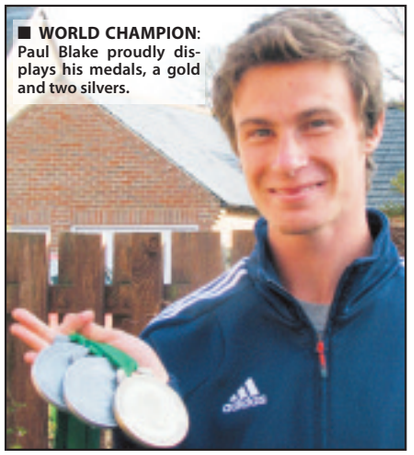
With 120m to go I was neck and neck with the Russian (Andrey Zhirnov who was second), but as we got into the straight with around 80m left I knew I had him beaten and it was a case of just concentrating.

It was great as I crossed the line, I felt relaxed. All the hard work had been done and it had paid off.

Did you get on well with the other competitors?

Oh yes, none of them spoke English but they were all really nice. We all chatted as best we could in the final call, and at the end they were all really delighted for me, as I was them."

Where do you go from here particularly with the London 2012 in mind?



■ **WORLD CHAMPION**: Paul Blake proudly displays his medals, a gold and two silvers.

The first thing is try to have a holiday. As far as training I will be doing a lot more hill running and running on the sand a bit more, sand dune reps. I am also going to the gym a lot more to work with my legs, and a bit more on my arms and upper body. There's not much to change as far as my speed goes, my coach has been working on that with me during the past year; just work on my endurance a bit more.

"There is no automatic place despite my success; you have to go through qualification again. As no world records were broken, it's unlikely the qualifying times will change much, but I need to do it all again. GB is much stricter than some other countries.

Blake ended the interview by thanking a number of people who had help him achieve his success by adding: "I want to thank my coach Rob Elchuck, all the physio's, all the staff of UK Athletics, mum and dad, and my sponsors, particularly Liz Nelson, who without their support I couldn't have done any of this. Liz has been tremendous in her support of me, and I would also like to thank the Terry Collin Trust for their donation which was invaluable in helping pay for me to get to training in Bath.

"Finally thanks for the ***View From*** for their support and interest in highlighting through me what disabled athletes can achieve with the right encouragement and support."

RUGBY ROUND-UP

WITH KEITH JENKIN

Dorchester on top in blustery local-derby

AFTER executing a passable and celebratory jig after the Wales v England result on Friday evening, I decided that the game of the day would be that between Bridport and Dorchester, so I took myself off to the Brewery Field on Saturday.

BRIDPORT 7pts DORCHESTER 16pts

THERE was half a gale blowing straight down the pitch at Bridport that threatened to ruin the game as a spectacle, and the home side had it at their backs during the first period.

The opening exchanges, as often happens in these local derby affairs, tended to the irascible, with Dorchester looking the likelier outfit, and with most of the action taking place in midfield.

The home side did tend to make things easier for their opponents by throwing to the tail of the lineout and being blown up for a squint throw on several occasions, thus turning over possession. They gave away a few penalties too and, although they did not score, Dorchester continued to prosper throughout the first quarter.

They took the lead with a converted try on the half-hour, and it was a good one. Having won a penalty just inside their opponents' half, they kicked for territory, won the lineout some 15 yards out and drove to the home line before releasing. A good pass from the base of the ruck put out half Hunt into space. He did a 'show and go' and got over by the posts. Bament added the extras and Dorchester were seven points ahead.

In spite of having the wind in their favour, Bridport had lost the territorial battle thus far, and it came as a bit of a surprise when they equalised a few minutes before the break during one of their comparatively few incursions into their opponentsí territory.

Having kicked a penalty deep into Dorchester twenty two, they won the ensuing lineout, sent the ball wide for out half Guylor to break the defensive line and get over by the posts. Wes Lewis kicked the conversion and Bridport were level at 7-7.

In fact Bridport did have a chance to take the lead just before the break when they charged down a relieving kick and forced the visitorsí defence into conceding a penalty on the twenty two. The place kick went wide however, and the scores remained tied at the interval.

I rather feared for the home side at this stage. They had been forced onto the defensive for much of the half, had lost a player to the bin, had been pushed off their own ball at the scrum on a couple of occasions, and would of course have to face the strong wind during the second forty.

Credit to Bridport, they rolled their sleeves up and contested the second-half well and, although most of the game was played in their territory they did not concede a further try. Dorchester for their part, were less than clinical, finding that it is not easy to pass the ball accurately when the wind is at your backs.

Bridport did lose their number eight forward to the bin soon after the restart but Dorchester could not take advantage. They did take the lead with a Bament penalty after some fifteen minutes, a score that would have relieved them, for they had made heavy weather of the third quarter and had certainly not converted territory into points. Bridport really could not offer too much in attack, in fact conditions were very much against running rugby.

Dorchester continued to have an edge forward in the set piece however, and with it came a marked territorial advantage. Hemmed in their own half Bridport conceded penalties and Bament converted two of them to take his side clear by the whistle for no side after what was a pretty turgid encounter.

While I felt that the visitors deserved to win this one, Bridport, struggling against relegation as they are, can take something from the game. I had written them off in the second half, but they defended well, scrambled, and made things difficult for Dorchester and perhaps deserved a losing bonus point. If they can play like this for the remainder of the season they can avoid the drop. All in all the game was typical of a local derby.

It was not a good day for the Bridport club overall, for their second side did not travel to South Wilts and conceded the fixture. On the other hand, both the Dorchester second and third sides won their respective games; the former coming out on top against visitors, North Dorset thirds by 27-10, while the latter bested Lytchett Minster seconds, also at home, by 31-15.

WEYMOUTH 22pts NORTH DORSET 2nd 3pts

WEYMOUTH would have ended the day pretty pleased with this performance.

The gale of course, played a prominent role, and the home side faced it in the first half. Nevertheless they took the lead via the boot of Tim Peplow, who kicked a penalty before the game was ten minutes old. The useful North Dorset side settled however and equalised midway through the half when they kicked a penalty goal of their own. The Weymouth defence did all that was asked of it however, and they finally relieved the pressure, went back upfield and scored an unconverted try by George Carter, after a break by their influential scrum half Barter, to lead 8-3 at the halfway stage.

Weymouth, now with the wind at their backs, dominated the second period, territorially speaking. They turned pressure into points also, in spite of an obdurate North Dorset defence. Craig Geldard scored the first try, converted by Peplow; and number eight forward Julian Quick, ran in the second, with his stand off again adding the extras, thus completing a very satisfactory win.

In fact, last weekend was a pretty good one all round for the Weymouth club, with their second side recording a very useful 27-7 win at Bournemouth 4th to consolidate their place on the edge of the promotion race from Dorset & Wilts League Division Three (South).

WHEATSHEAF CABIN CREW 25pts PUDDLETOWN 12pts

ALTHOUGH both sides started brightly enough, it soon became apparent that the home side were quicker to the breakdown, and they certainly made this fact count after some ten minutesí play when the got over for an unconverted try out wide.

Puddletown did have the edge in the set scrums however and subsequently enjoyed a period of dominance. They perhaps should have scored during the next few minutes and did in fact cross the home line only to be unable to ground the ball. On a day when conditions were tailor made for the back row scavengers, the final ten minutes of the first-half were Puddletown's undoing for, during this time the home side got over for two converted tries, and really took control of the contest, moving 19 points clear.

The scoreboard was certainly kept busy during the third quarter as two tries by Puddletown in turn went some way to wresting control back. First it was centre Yeatman, who found space and scored, and subsequently his co centre rounded his man and touched down by the posts. Yeatman added the extras to the second try, thus taking the half-time score to 19-12 in home favour.

Any thoughts Puddletown might have had of staging a further rally did not materialise in the second-half. The home edge in the loose continued, and this, together with the visitors' tendency to concede penalties, meant that much of the action took place in Puddletown's half. The Cabin Crew extended their lead with an early penalty goal and, although Puddletown competed until the whistle, they had few opportunities to attack, and a further home penalty sealed the home win.

PREVIEW

SATURDAY is devoted to the catching up of league fixtures that had been previously postponed owing to the weather. I believe all local sides are involved with the exception of BRIDPORT. They have lost a couple of fixtures to the elements, but both sets of opponents have other fish to fry, and they are therefore, left kicking their heels.

DORCHESTER make the journey to Bath to take on OLDFIELD OLD BOYS, a side who, after a rather slow start to their campaign, have made their way into the divisionís runners up place, and are still 'in with a shout' of promotion. I see that Dorchester came out on top when the sides met back in September, but Oldfield have certainly improved since then, and will most certainly be a difficult nut to crack, especially on their own ground. Dorchester will certainly have to be much more accurate and clinical than they were on Saturday last if they are to cause problems in this one.

WEYMOUTH have a home game against the SHERBORNE second side with whom they drew back in the autumn. Their opponents have enjoyed a pretty good season subsequently and lie in the division's second place. I believe that this will be a competitive encounter, with home advantage counting at the end of the day. Weymouth may well find themselves up against it though as Sherborne first side is without a fixture.

PUDDLETOWN have a home game against ELLINGHAM & RINGWOOD 2nd. Now I seem to remember that this side gave Puddletown a rather severe cuffing back in September. I do think that Puddletown have improved since then, but, even so they face a testing afternoon for their opponents reside in the leagueís second place currently.

As to the second sides, Bridport will be hoping for a win against visitors Swanage & Wareham thirds, while Dorchester will certainly have their hands full at Salisbury seconds. In division three (South), Dorchester thirds should have a little bit too much for hosts, Wimborne thirds, while Weymouth seconds might just edge a result at Verwood.

***FIXTURES 12th February**: Bridport 2nd v Swanage & Wareham 3rd; Chard v Gordano v Chard; Chard 2nd v Ivel Barbarians 2nd; Chard 3rd v Wyvern; Crewkerne v Taunton 3rd v Crewkerne; Oldfield Old Boys v Dorchester; Salisbury 2nd v Dorchester 2nd; Wimborne 3rd v Dorchester 3rd; Honiton v Teignmouth; Cullompton 2nd v Honiton 2nd; Puddletown v Ellingham & Ringwood 2nd (home); Sidmouth v Ivybridge (away); Sidmouth 2nd v Kingsbridge 2nd; Topsham 2nd v Sidmouth 3rd; Weymouth v Sherborne 2nd; Verwood v Weymouth 2nd.*

Rathbone's single sweeps the board

HUGH Rathbone's single flounder was enough to take all the prizes in the West Bay Sea Angling Club's visit to Poole.

With no fish caught last year from a designated venue, it was hoped the fourteen members who took part would be more successful using a rover format.

Unfortunately the flounders failed to appear except one 560g one that won Rathbone the five hour competition as well as the heaviest fish and most species categories.

Rathbone had also been successful three days earlier in the Thursday night fish at West Bay where his 3kg 490g catch of dogfish, pout and whiting won him the day.

Among runner up Oliver Mears catch of 2kg 620g was a fine specimen whiting of 770g caught from the pier. Chris harwood was third with 1kg 580g.

Mears also won the heaviest fish; a 905g dogfish, whilst P J Wheeler caught three of the six species that the twenty one members gathered between them.

PJ Wheeler was also successful in the Thursday night Burton Bradstock competition where his 2kg 775g haul of dogfish, pout and whiting won him first place.

Many of the nineteen members decided to fish on the rocky ground in front of the car park rather than the sandy ground to the left, and this proved a wise choice.

Lyn Mudford claimed second place with a catch of 2kg 150g including the heaviest fish; a 1kg 795g cod, with Will Halliday's haul of 1kg 640g of dogfish gaining him third place. Keith Woods won most species with three.

The Andy Neal Rover at the beginning of January was held in rough, cold weather, and whilst many of the ten members decided to fish Lyme Regis which afforded some protection from the gales, Paul House decided to brave the gales at Abbotsbury before being forced to move to West Bay.

However it proved to be the right decision a he took first prize with 1kg 650g of fish, ahead of Adam Cullingford (430g) and Keith Wood (420g).

PJ Wheeler's rockling and flounder won him most species, whilst Steve Fowles' 130g pout was the heaviest fish caught.

Dorchester & District Snooker League

Nomads' lead cut

RESULTS as at February 6th:
WDC Whipping Boys 3 Trinity Express 4, Colliton XQ2010 4 Colliton Hopefuls 2, Trinity Gooduns 6 Colliton Club B 2, Colliton XQ2010 2 Dorch Con Club A 4, West Dorset Club C 6 West Dorset Club A 1. (Top break of the season: Evan Wellman 69)

Team Open Knockout Cup Final
West Dorset Club A v Colliton Nomads (at Dorchester Conservative Club on Thursday, February 24th.
Team Handicap Knockout Cup
***Semi-finals:** Colliton Nomads 0 Trinity Express 4, Dorch Con Club A 3 West Dorset Club 4.*
(Final: To be played at Colliton Club on Monday, March 14th).

League table	*P*	*W*	*D*	*L*	*Pts*
Colliton Nomads	*14*	*10*	*1*	*3*	*62*
West Dorset Club C	*15*	*9*	*2*	*4*	*61*
Trinity Gooduns	*15*	*8*	*1*	*6*	*60*
West Dorset Club A	*12*	*10*	*0*	*2*	*52*
Dorchester Con Club A	*12*	*6*	*1*	*5*	*49*
Colliton XQ 2010	*12*	*5*	*0*	*7*	*43*
Purbeck Potters	*11*	*5*	*2*	*4*	*42*
Trinity Express	*14*	*4*	*1*	*9*	*42*
Colliton Club B	*12*	*5*	*1*	*6*	*38*
WDC Whipping Boys	*14*	*3*	*0*	*11*	*36*
Colliton Hopefuls	*11*	*1*	*1*	*9*	*30*

Big win for Gorge A

SHIPTON GORGE A 30 WYKE B 3

WYKE B were unfortunate to meet a full strength Shipton A team playing at their best and, needing eight points to get off bottom spot in the Weymouth & District Table Tennis League Division One, managed only three from Clive Stow.

Always competitive, Steve Bill's side gave their all but Richard Trim won his nine sets without reply and Gil Roberts was back to his best for a 9-1 return. Chris Glover had to go to five sets with Stow but eased home to gain a 9-2 return overall.

Glover and Trim made no mistakes with a 3-0 doubles win to end a good night for the Gorge.

Rugby extras

BOURNEMOUTH U16 5 BRIDPORT 39

ALTHOUGH Bridport ultimately dominated this match, they were slow to get going and went behind to a well worked Bournemouth try as they moved the ball wide and got on the outside of the Bridport defence.

Although Bridport spent most of the half defending on their own 22, scrum-half Nat Halkes-Wellstead did break from a scrum on the halfway line and made several yards before being brought down. Bridport drove over well and the ball then went through several pairs of hands, finishing with Will Challis who was driven over for the score with Bob Lester-Card converting.

After the break, Bridport made full use of the wind at their backs and drove forward on every occasion. The home side tried to clear from a 5m line-out but Bridport ran it back and in a copy of their first try, drove forward through several players, this time Harry Richardson was in possession when they reached the line and stretched out to score. Lester-Card again adding the extras.

Following another scrum on halfway, Halkes-Wellstead again broke through and chipped over the defence, he and Mike Holden chased but were just beaten by the home full-back who touched it back for a 22m drop-out. The kick was collected by Eli Halkes-Wellstead who danced through the defenders for a magnificent solo try.

The blues next score also came from a scrum when Halkes-Wellstead passed out of the tackle and it quickly reached Haggerty who powered through the attempted tackles to reach the line with bodies hanging off him. Lester-Card again converting.

Richardson scored again with a pick up and drive from the back of a scrum, and after a penalty goal by Lester-Card, the blues final try came form running back another Bournemouth clearance kick, this time the ball was moved across the pitch with Dylan White making good yards down the right-hand touchline. When finally tackled, he slipped the ball inside to Richardson who still had some work to do to evade the tacklers and run in from the 22.

The conversion was too close to the short posts to call and the home side was given the benefit of the doubt and Bridport ran out well deserved winners.

Bridport Skittles

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday February 14th:

Cup Winners Cup – 2nd Round

Monday, February 14th; Alleycats (10) v The Dingles, Brandy Snaps (15) v Pioneers, Wanderers v Shipfaced, Ginger-Gales (25) v Rockets.

Tuesday, February 15th; Strawpeedoes (15) v Lively Lads, Bangers (10) v Bulldogs, Cupid Stunts v Gerryatrics (5), Chimps v Slingers.

Mens Nomination Cup - 3rd Round

Wednesday, February 16th; Denhay Farm v Wanderers, Shipfaced v Rejects.

Thursday February 17th:; lingers v Not Survivors, Lively Lads v Rough Eight.

Mixed Fours – 2nd Round

Thursday, February 17th; Bradpole Club – Rest Of The Best; Oddbods; Brookside; Yondover Four.

Friday February 18th; Tiger – Crossways; Us Four; Arkwrights Lot; Rejects.

Yeovil & District Mixed Tennis

DIV 1	Pld	Pts
Sherborne A	10	77
Melcombe Regis	**9**	**59**
Charmouth	**10**	**49**
Martock A	6	43
Chard A	8	24
Sherborne B	9	23
Yeovil A	6	15

DIV 2	Pld	Pts
S.Petherton A	8	62
Somerton A	7	31
Ilminster	6	31
Martock B	4	21
Chard B	5	20
Weymouth A	**6**	**15**

DIV 3	Pld	Pts
Wincanton	9	52
Yeovil B	9	49
Beaminster	**7**	**38**
Misterton A	7	37
Somerton B	7	36
Bridport A	**5**	**20**
Somerton C	6	18

DIV 4	Pld	Pts
Bridport B	**9**	**59**
S.Petherton B	8	51
Martock C	9	50
Yeovil C	9	45
Weymouth B	**9**	**38**
Misterton B	7	25
Sutton Montis	7	22

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INSIDE: Dorset Football League round-up

Rogers tastes first defeat

OXFORD CITY 5 WEYMOUTH 0
Zamaretto Premier - Att: 244

BY STUART BROOM

WEYMOUTH crashed to defeat in this Zamaretto Premier Division basement clash which signalled new boss Martyn Rogers' first reversal since he took over.

After two wins it was third time unlucky as James Faulkner helped himself to a hat trick as the Terras once again were plunged back into extreme danger of relegation.

Rogers received a setback just hours before kickoff when on-loan keeper Nick Jordan was ruled out as his club Crawley Town had not forwarded his paperwork for ratification.

This resulted in a last minute call-up for reserve keeper Ashley Weeks, who, through no fault of his own, found himself on the end of a hammering.

There was no sign of what was to come as Weymouth competed for over 35 minutes, and with luck could have taken the lead on 28 minutes when a swift turn and volley from Matt Groves beat City keeper Jakub Jesionkowski but crashed back off the bar.

However on 37 minutes Charlie Clough's pass out of defence was intercepted by Faulkner who played a neat one-two with Lee Steele before clipping the ball over the advancing Weeks high into the net.

Lifted by the goal, City put the Terras defence under pressure and scored just on the break when Adam Mekki crossed to the far post where Michael Lyon nodded the ball down for Lee Steele to score from close range.

If Weymouth were to get back in the game they needed a goal and Jamie Beasley went close with a header from Jamie Hatch's cross before top-scorer Warren Byerley hobbled off after 56 minutes with an Achilles problem.

Almost immediately Oxford scored again when a long ball sent Steele clear down the left and he delivered the perfect cross for Mekki to score.

The Terras defence was coming under constant pressure as Lyons was thwarted by Weeks and Faulkner went close, before sub Felipe Barcelos threaded the ball through for Faulkner to beat Weeks as he dashed from goal.

Weeks then produced a superb save to turn away Lyons thunderous drive before Richard Groves downed Lyon as he cut across the penalty area, and Faulkner completed his hat trick and a miserable day for Weymouth.

This Saturday the Terras entertain second place Salisbury City at The Bob Lucas Stadium where they will be hoping to show the determination that brought them victories over Hemel Hempstead and Halesowen Town.

Rogers was quick to clear Weeks from any blame for the defeat and said of the problems with Jordan's registration: "It was not actually our fault which lies with Crawley who should have passed on the paperwork to the appropriate people, but we should have chased it up at our end."

There was no news at the time of going to press as to the extent of Byerley's injury, but he is crucial to Weymouth's survival plans.

■ **OVER TO YOU:** Dorchester Town Football Club Supporters Club members Eileen Aplin, Dave Diaz (second left) and Ashley Jury (far right) handed over a cheque for £1500 to the club chairman Shaun Hearn (centre) and secretary Dave Martin (second right) before last Saturday's home game against Weston-super-Mare.
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